
Canton, MA 02021


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C-Span Contest
Suite 155
400 N. Capitol St.
N. W. Washington D.C. 20001

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my entry to the C-Span Contest.

Sincerely,



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Tel: [REDACTED]

The reasons I watch C-Span informational programs are the same as why I watch and read other informational material in magazines, papers, and T.V. The reason for the amount of time that I watch C-Span is the quantity of undiluted, complete coverage it gives to so many important legislative events. It's an ongoing education to see the working effectiveness and demeanor of our elected members of Congress in session and in committee. C-Span reminds me of the beginnings of the public television network. For some time they were allowed to inform and teach with no interference, but as their programming was perceived as politically skewed public funding was attacked. Such attacks diluted and hampered the broadest viewtaking of issues and players. Sadly the manna from C-Span will probably show the powerful too candidly and go the way of public television.

Ere that loss comes to pass and while the powers at hand allow this education to continue, I wonder if some air time could be given to look at registered lobbyist and unravel their power connections and methods.

Recently, I sense greater introspection from C-Span as to the propriety of reporting certain events. As the impact of C-Span's real glare accumulates highly placed and powerful victims of their own candid faux pas, the friends of C-Span are going to dwindle to the few who just want to be informed. I doubt that audience has a commercial dimension. I intuitively sense that the ultimate failure of C-Span will come by attacks from the moral majority types and the religious network's charismatic luminaries, if for no other reason than just the contrast of the real multi-faceted C-Span world and the singularly enlightened world of the parochial host.

Prophetic or not, I sense a limited existence for C-Span, and therefore, hope you continue with more of what you have been, in essence, a free ticket to the most interesting available event without editing. If you attempt to please or diminish your risk of informing your audience or the luminaries in your programs, C-Span will be forgotten manna the sooner.

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