

① Dear Brian,

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Sorry my computer is down so I have to write this by hand. I am a CSPAN junkie and admire you and your staff very much. The "bias of the media" issue goes on and on. The argument on this is not between the left and the right but between the public and the press. Why is it so-o-o important for ~~so~~ so many members of the press to say they are not biased. The American people both left and right are saying, and will continue saying that the press is biased. There is bias in a collective way, and individual bias, and issue bias. There are key words and phrases that tell us, the public, where the ~~bias is~~ direction of the bias is. Examples "last 12 years" - Democrat, "Last 30 years" - Republican



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CSPAN is a wonderful show because you play fair, the rules apply to both sides. It takes awhile for people to adapt to format changes - because the rules change and so right now you have a lot of upset viewers. But CSPAN continues to be fair. Brian, you and your people are going to have to get thick skins because you're like ~~referees~~ referees at a game. It's a tough job but the game is better because of your honesty, and integrity. CSPAN remains the ~~an~~ arena of debate and discussion. My favorites - lively discussion between people who are closer to the government than I can be; the one minute speeches by Congress, and coverage of political events without interruption or analysis during event.



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Least favorites - call in's that cannot be responded to, individuals who think their credentials replace information in their discussion of an issue,

I would like to see more of - voting records of congress, follow up on issues that are "old news." I don't think this would work for CSPAN but I would really like to say a show that keeps tabs on the press itself. Some reporters seem to forget their own stories. My own personal pet peeve is to watch a reporter flip flop on a story with no accountability. An example of this is listening to a reporter going on and on about the President ~~not~~ using the military for ~~a~~ Bosnia and then if He does suggest using the military, the same reporter ~~also~~ bashes the President for this. I'm part of the religious right but



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this kind of reporting happens to both the leaders of the right or left. Frankly, it isn't fair to our leaders or the public. It's just stirring the pot to keep things lively and it is not honest for the public.

Again thanks for CSPAN. I'm sorry to see conservatives saying you aren't being fair in your choice of guests-hey it happens once in awhile-get over it. Since the election more liberals have been calling in and we conservatives don't like sharing our CSPAN home. It's ~~the liberals~~ ~~people~~ ~~keep~~ ~~going~~ okay-~~the~~ the liberals are not taking over CSPAN. They are just beginning to appreciate a media that doesn't manipulate the public.

Sincerely,



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