

I watch C-Span because it is the first television network solely dedicated and committed to providing programs which serve to broaden the philosophical, sociological, and political awareness of the American people. I can certainly attest, as an American serviceman who recently returned from overseas, to the immeasurable difference C-Span has made in bringing me up-to-date with issues effecting me now that I'm back home. I wish C-Span was televised overseas or in circulation in the form of a journal of selected transcripts for American civilians and service people aboard to read and enjoy.

I particularly enjoy watching C-Span's Call In program because of the rich, provocative, and interesting dialogue which surfaces when viewers call in and express their opinion. I think Brian Lamb does an excellent job of probing the featured guest for answers and or comments on the topics at hand. I'm a Californian and I think my fellow constituents in California have it all together when they respond on C-Span.

C-Span provides one of the most beneficial public services to be introduced in a long time-- coverage of our nation's congressional House of Representative sessions. I've gained substantially more information by viewing the actual debates over pending legislation than I could ever get from reading about them. When I write my congressman, he knows immediately that here's a person with precise information, an accurate interpretation, and a solid viewpoint on matters he should or shouldn't be addressing. Another advantage is I am no longer at the mercy of printed journalism and its inherent subjectivity. This program is an educational asset for schools

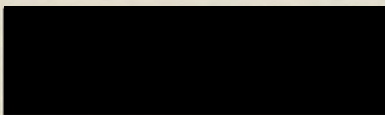


throughout the nation. Please don't give up on the senate.

C-Span has forged ahead where other networks have stopped short in their coverage of special events. C-Span can be proud, as I am, of the variety of special interest programming it sets forth each week. This unique endeavor to spotlight forums featuring distinguished speakers, political party discussions, seminars, conferences, conventions, and even the National Press Club has set C-Span apart from traditional interest to a league all by itself. I would like to see this aspect of C-Span expanded to include chairpersons and chief executive officers of major corporations in their board meetings--live.

Needless to say, C-Span in my opinion is the best thing that has happen to broadcast journalism. America should jump at the chance to be so intellectually enlightened, atleast once a day. I know I am and I support C-Span 100%.

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