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Dear ~~Mr. Turner~~, C-Span

Since it is the media which elects our officials, I think it only fair that we know all of their credentials. We should know not only where they were educated, but what agency (or political party) they work for, what they are worth, what they make. We should know if they have ever bounced a check, not paid their Visa, Mastercard or Player Club bills on time, had sexual affairs, wire tapped, driven over the speed limit of 55 except where it is allowed.

We are entitled to know if they are chauvinistic and insist on their spouses staying home and so wasting other talents of the world, what the spouses make and where, if they are allowed to contribute to the world's good, what religion they have, how they vote politically no matter what party they say they belong to. People who live in glass houses are often more careful about what they say or what kind of brick they throw. Often it isn't what one says, but HOW one says it.

CNN and C-Span have replaced bookreading and informational meetings. It has given me a great education and I only wish it was funded in such a way that every American could have it and learn as most of the world does. But there should be some way to control all media so it does not do our thinking FOR us nor swing our votes around to what the pundits think. They really are no smarter than we are. Only they have a bigger grandstand to speak from.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Mr. Shields;

Sometimes you disappoint me. On Capital Gang today why did you show the clip of Hilary Clinton in the cookie scene? I realize CNN wants Bush back in the White House but I think journalists should be above low blows like this. She has a daughter so I am sure she's made cookies. She was saying she had a choice and made it. Only chauvinistic men would see it as anything else and play it up. Don't forget she got educated before she married and seems a lot more intelligent than many of you or is that what is bothering you? She chose to use her talent for the good of the world.

I too made the same choice with a husband who cheered me on. Through my reading of Paps as a Cytologist I have saved over 300 lives. I'm not ashamed I used a gift I had for the good of the world while raising 3 children, caring for a husband and now grandchildren. I don't put down women who choose to stay at home except when they bow to chauvinistic men like you and journalist Barnes and waste a talent that might do good for many instead of one or two.

And taxes on the wealthy. I suppose that hits you and the man you have made into the Jack Benny of TV, Mr. Novak and it could even hit me. But why does no one ask what the 1% did with their wealth they accumulated as the tax bracket went from 78% to 31 %? What businesses did they start? What jobs did they create the last 12 years? Is there a correlation between the rise in the stock market and the reduction in taxes? Is that where all of you put your money--paper profits-- or did you build buildings for carpenters and plumbers to get jobs? Where did you put your money that reduced programs for those less fortunate than yourself? Not everyone has I.Q.s over 100 or wealthy parents or even opportunities so tell me, where did the 1% of the Americans including Reagan and Bush, put their money?

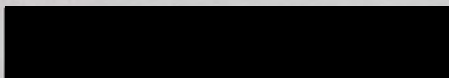
As for the check bashing. Here's a story really true. My husband, Dr. Bernard Fries, international expert in radioisotopes, was lent by Chevron (then Standard Oil of Cal.) to Washington in the late 1940s'. He was there for 3 months, was paid by government checks and could find no bank that would cash them!! He had to eat and pay hotel bills. Finally a secretary "laundered" them by putting them in her account and giving him cash!! Do you suppose the same thing happened to congressmen and administration people so it became easier to use each others money, no questions asked? Actually it was the congressmen-Republicans and Democrats who had the right to complain if they didn't like it, not the media or public!!! Particularly Mr. Gingrich since he was equally guilty. Where was he the last few years? I don't believe he just got

elected to congress did he? How happy the Republicans and the White House must be with him. And why did they stop at 39 months? The "bank " had operated for over 160 years! Was it because President Bush's name was in the 40th month?

Why not return to responsible journalism that was taught in the 30's and 40's when I was at school and get your colleagues to do likewise? My friends would never be guilty of the smarmy print you all are putting out today.

I only hope when all new inexperience people arrive in Washington-as the media seems so bent on making happen-that you are happy as the power swings more and more to the White House. Now Bush is King because he appoints Supreme Court judges, is head of armed services and has clones in Senate to uphold his vetoes--29 or so the them! And erodes all our rights. Is this really what you and others want? It sounds like a book I just read "The Making of Democracy" by Wood in which he describes George III in 1760-87 and why we are the kind of country we are! Why not write on this? People need to be warned. Not that I expect them to listen or heed but they listen more to the media than any other form of art!! More's the pity since the media has fallen so low.

Sincerely,



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