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Dear Mr. Lamb,

This letter concerns C-SPAN's presidential program on Warren G. Harding.

Dr. Ferrell was admirable. He is a splendid researcher who presents the true story of Harding and his administration. He answered candidly and correctly the many questions.

On the contrary, Dr. Trani performed poorly. He has deserted scholarship for university administration. He displayed ignorance of recent scholarship, e.g., Shieh on Harding's outstanding Latin American policy, Stratton on the truth of Teapot Dome, and Arkes on Justice Sutherland, Harding's excellent choice for the U.S. Supreme Court. Trani's logic is grossly faulty, e.g., once he acknowledged Harding's accomplishments but said Harding was a failure. Trani boringly repeated the asinine item of so-called experts rating presidents.

Even worse, you allowed the egotistic Carl Anthony to strut. He mouthed his lying allegations and vicious innuendoes. You brought no one to repudiate the viper. He was aided by that sly Library of Congress person.

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you showcased the abominable Bill Thomas. He
spewed forth lie after lie, you permitted no one to
reply to this popinjay.

Then you featured that incredible travesty, "The
Prez," a musical about W. G. W. This horrendous
"musical" ranks with the obscenity of Hustler
and Screw magazines.

C-SPAN through Anthony, Thomas, and "The
Prez" acted shamelessly.

Sincerely yours,

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