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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb,

I was a bit worked up this morning over the complaints of some callers about the affiliation restrictions you have placed upon the phone lines. I feel I must add my voice to the subject.

The success of C-SPAN, and the public reverence of it, can be attributed to open and free flow of information. All information. I cannot thank the C-SPAN Networks enough for airing the Libertarian Party Convention as well as many other points of view blackballed by the major media.

Therefore, every single restriction you enact is a control on the free flow of information. A state of affairs greatly resented in America wherever

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it occurs.

By placing an affiliation on a phone line you do two things. You force the caller to choose between two points of view, or relegate the caller to something called "other", which all certainly allows the operative answering the phone lines to pick and choose.

My first reaction to it all has been, "why fix what isn't broken?"

It all reminds me of the liberal idea of "fairness" of which they constantly preach. My second thought has been a conclusion that you are really interested in establishment continuations and restriction upon alternatives to the monolithic two party oligarchy.

I am very disappointed with the encroaching restrictions on C-SPAN, but still believe there is a far freer flow of information on C-SPAN than anywhere in the world.

Sincerely,

