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Dear Mr Lamb:

Over the past several weeks I find that the level of quality of C-Span programming has been decidedly unpredictable.

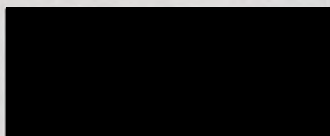
This morning, for example, after a superb start with Representative Tom Lantos of California where the discussion and call-ins covering a wide range of issues were uniformly substantive and absorbing, C-Span followed with Dana Priest of the Washington Post whose ill-informed and often totally inaccurate statements about health care reform planning generated equally unproductive viewer responses. Ms Priest not only contributed nothing to viewers' knowledge of health care reform; but because of the inaccuracies, the program only served to confuse the issue even further.

While I will readily grant that not all C-Span shows can be gems of excellence, talk-show participants without worthwhile accurate information to impart are certainly the wrong ingredients to start with.

A more pernicious example of recent sub-standard C-Span programming occurred on March 18th's Journalist Roundtable when a particularly offensive trio of reporters was not prevented (or even discouraged) from discussing an unsubstantiated rumor about phones being most improperly used at taxpayers' expense in a congressional office they did not hesitate to identify. I will add that I have yet to hear this allegation anywhere else (however, I do not listen to Rush Limbaugh!).

When I retired 18 months ago, I began watching C-Span daily because it clearly surpassed all other networks in unbiased and instructive positive programming. Recently I've begun to wonder if this is true any longer.

Sincerely yours,

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