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Attention: Jack Buckwalter

Dear Editor:

Just over a year ago, you honored me by front-paging my photo because I had jumped on Newt Gingrich about his book royalty deal. While Newt did seem to heed that advice, I am now disappointed in him for failing to stand up and fight for the rights he said he adored. I don't know where he is going and there are many rights out there for which he should be fighting. One is C-SPAN which is being threatened by cable owners since they see no monetary gain in it. When they set it up in 1977, they needed fill-ins for their many channels. Now their channels are nearly all commercial.

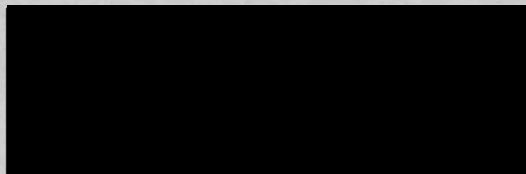
You have to be a C-SPAN junkie like me to be a member of the most dedicated T.V. audience on earth. Why are we C-SPAN lovers because we love U.S. democracy. C-SPAN does a great job striving to provide unbiased, unfiltered, information going to extremes to be fair in seeking the truth and giving all sides and parties a

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chance to be heard. Brian Lamb should be honored for his great work developing C-SPAN and given the Congressional Medal of Honor as our No. 1 present day patriot. If we are going to save our democracy, it will be mainly because of the revelations of truth on C-SPAN. Newt should know that he was "made" by C-SPAN and realize that to regain his stature, he will have to get back on C-SPAN and fight for truth.

C-SPAN is the televised form of "Letters to the Editor" - both are bulwarks of this democracy. I urge all C-SPANERS to write their Editors, all lovers of the USA to watch C-SPAN as much as possible and also to write to your Editors. In our great system of government, if we lose it, we can blame no one but ourselves for failing to stir up a hornets nest of interest to let our leaders know that they must do what is right for the best interest of their constituents and not make their major interest raising funds for the next election.

So watch C-SPAN and write a letter to your Editor and help save your democracy.



bc: B. Lamb