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Dear Friends at C-Span:

God bless you all! I am beginning to hear more complaints about the lack of liberal guests and calls as well as conservative guests and calls that I feel compelled to write. I feel such a part of C-Span, I almost take this fault-finding, personally.

For me, it was like finding hidden treasure when I discovered C-Span. Talk about being able to hear balanced arguments and impressions - it's a delight for me.

How pleased I was to both listen to and watch Margaret Thatcher being interviewed by Brian. She's one of my most-admired women, (Mother Theresa and Jeane Kirkpatrick being the other two). Thank you, thank you. I do still wonder why Brian doesn't interview Rush Limbaugh. I know he's controversial but he now has two best-sellers, and I do believe you should dare.

I don't always hear what I want to hear from your guests, but so be it. One has to come from a certain premise to attract me - a belief that there are absolutes and one in a Judeo-Christian philosophy. There don't seem to be too many out there in our media, so I become ecstatic when one appears.

I was amused when I heard David Brinkley and Sam Donaldson remarking on the political correctness going a bit too far in our culture. Some of us were able to predict this years ago. Most, like them, seem to lack a certain perception of what is going on until it becomes all-pervasive.

I believe many, if not most, of your callers believe "right-wing" callers seem to monopolize your phones. Of course they do. Conservatives such as I do seek the truth about issues and have few places to turn to. And, thankfully C-Span fills the bill. We learn much and have a lot to say. I also believe that many, and I have friends that prove this to me, know very little about issues and are caught up in the prevailing views of the major media. They talk like conservatives but vote like liberals. Poor souls - enough of them do not watch C-Span.

I have only one request. Please don't feature Christopher Hitchens or Nation people too often. I have violent reactions to them and their views. And they seem so arrogant. There must be viewers out there who appreciate them, and they too must be considered. I understand - but, not too often, please. And, also, don't consider this a criticism.

Your interviewers are superb. I'm curious how you find them. So many of our major media nabobs are so clone-like, and it's even filtered down to the locals. We recently traveled in five states and the newspeople on local TV almost sent me into spasms; different faces, sexes, and stature, but much of the same delivery. All of yours are bright and beautiful!

Enough of my rantings and ravings. But I don't attempt to call in, and, occasionally, when I am moved to say something, I sit down at my "Jessica Fletcher" typewriter and put my two-cents in.

Thankfully.

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