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Mr. Brian Lamb:

after viewing your program this morning, on which Charles Shapiro and a representative of "Reason" magazine appeared, I am very disgusted. The trash about Hillary from the London "Telegraph" wasn't worth your continued repetition. The public, who think for themselves, are not suckered by insidious opinions, such as the "Washington Times" chose to publish in collaboration with the "Telegraph."

As for Mrs. Clinton's personal life, you're very wrong to promote any discussion regarding things that you and the viewers know nothing of. This is brazen propagandizing, and you ought to be ashamed. And since it is you who controls the program, you should find a way to apologize to viewers and Hillary. Insofar as her favorite books are concerned, (Nineteen-Eighty-Four and Brave New World), no one has asked her why these are her choices. For instance, were they because she intended to emulate their ideas, or because she simply learned something of value from them?(Not that it's anyone's business). I've also read both. They were required reading in my English Composition class at the university level, during the '70s. They were intriguing, insightful, and in later years, quite prophetic to some degree.

Brian, I've viewed C-SPAN since 1986. Whereas, it first appeared to be a very good source of information and a balance with the printed news, it has degenerated into a sounding board, especially for right-wing bigots to get their poisonous ideas across to the public. And their nonsense is repeated continuously. Too much loose talk, particularly on national and international television, can destroy a nation. Are we a democratic republic, or a country of babbling idiots? Tempered, free speech is lacking, in our striving to appear the most knowledgeable.



And the more I hear the amount of foolishness that comes through the airwaves, the more I question the First Amendment.

Another concern. The Vietnam Memorial controversy, which I feel was begun by determined right-wing flag wavers in Congress and religious bigots, ought to be snuffed out. Americans would do well to ignore this lunacy. Here is why. President Clinton has more of the right to visit that memorial, speak in behalf of this country and its veterans, and to do whatever he feels he ought to do there, than anyone of his critics. He owes no one any apology nor allegiance for doing so, because he is the President of this nation.

Therefore, when London takes care of its own business, it will have its hands full. We elected this president, his wife, his child, his cat, his mother and his dog, if he ever decides to own one. They are ours to criticize or embrace (fair-minded people will do the latter). The London "Telegraph" be damned. This is what I think and feel at this time.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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