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I watch C-SPAN because ...

- 1) C-SPAN provides me with information of an "immediate nature" which reflects, and which gives insight into, the "day-to-day" operations of our Federal government.
- 2) C-SPAN provides a forum for "debate" and "comment" about varying issues from varying points of view, ^{and} thereby gives those issues "perspective."
- 3) C-SPAN provides a "communication link" whereby the "public sector" (People like me!) can simply pick up a phone, dial a number, and ask important people important questions.
- 4) C-SPAN provides me with a sense of credibility, because statements and statistics can be publicly "inspected" and questioned; even challenged, if appropriate, by experts and people like me.
- 5) C-SPAN provides insight into issues of an international nature by televising significant foreign citizens speaking about sometimes profound subjects.

- 6) C-SPAN is providing a medium of debate for current presidential candidates which is quite in-depth compared to the "out-of-context" glimpses ^{being} afforded by the general mass media. This kind of "complete" coverage reflects a sense of responsibility unmatched on television.
- 7) C-SPAN is providing me with this opportunity to express myself about it, and an opportunity to possibly win a visit to our nation's capital which I could not otherwise afford - I'm unemployed!

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