

I watch C-SPAN because of it's intelligent approach to news and it's unique coverage of the workings of the house. The news is fresh, and the delivery is effective because of it's disregard of the networks' Hollywood style. The people of America are privileged to have access to such progressive cable productions. The fact that one can now sit down in front of one's own T.V. and see our nation being run is an astonishing leap for both the political field and the communications field.

Anyone with enough financial backing could cover the meetings of the houses, in fact our Chamber of Commerce meetings in Fort Wayne are now televised. This local coverage is nice, but it becomes monotonous. What separates C-SPAN from other coverage is C-SPAN's integrity in bringing the issues home to the viewer. Interviews with colorful politicians, analysts and involved parties paired with telephone viewer interaction make C-SPAN not only highly informative, but also entertaining.

The personnel at C-SPAN are also partly responsible for it's excellence. I am studying journalism in high school, and after being trained to spot bubble-headed, phony actors reading news, it is refreshing to see a staff of bright, concerned journalists analyzing the political and other events of the day.

C-SPAN serves a definate purpose in society, that purpose is intelligent editorial and objective coverage of news events. Local newspapers often assume a particular slant in coverage and network news spends hardly any time on issues. This leaves a massive gap in

coverage. C-SPAN focuses on this gap, and provides the viewer with intelligent editorial views on varying issues.

C-SPAN's focus on the issues of the day is augmented with coverage of Reagan's frequent addresses. In my opinion, keeping up with our President is vastly important to our understanding of his policies. Coverage of the democratic nomination has been faithful to issues and not to polls and the constant forecasting of the networks. I look forward to watching C-SPAN's future coverage of this election year, and I am grateful for the excellent journalism I have already witnessed.

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