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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I want to express my appreciation for C-Span----not only for their broadcasting of House and Senate proceedings, but for the informative call-in-programs, and the Book Reviews.

I believe that C-Span is the only network (with the exception of a few isolated programs on other networks) which consistently tries to communicate information and facts without bias. I applaud you and the other hosts for asking questions without attempting to influence the viewer.

But other television anchors and print journalists seem to have no qualms about passing judgment and trying to influence American attitudes. On a recent program you talked to three journalists and one stated that it didn't matter what the media thought about Dan Quayle, it was what the voters believed. I assume that was indeed a "tongue-in-cheek" remark, for certainly the media has had the most influence on the voters perception of Dan Quayle. During the Republican Convention, Cokie Roberts stated that the media was not responsible for the public's perception of Dan Quayle--it was the comedians. But the press repeats the jokes and jabs at the Vice-President. The media is responsible for the constant repetition of negative remarks.

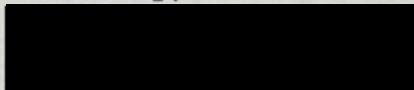
How much responsibility does the media share for all the "flak" about the National Guard that followed the last Republican Convention? Even four years later, I have heard journalists remind the voters that Gore went to Vietnam and Quayle did not. But the same journalists did not mention that Gore went to Vietnam and Clinton did not.

The American people should be gravely concerned about the control of the media--(not governmental control found under a dictatorship), but control by powerful T/V executives, newspapers, and weekly news magazines. The combined weight of the mass media attempts to mold our opinions and influence our decisions at the polls.

The American people should demand that newspapers give fair coverage to all without political bias and slanting of news. The voters should insist that political opinions be confined to the editorial pages.

The American people should demand that journalists report the news accurately, impartially, and without propaganda techniques. Reporters and journalists have their own political views, but their reporting should be neutral.

Sincerely,

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