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Dear Brian Lamb,

As always LOUD APPLAUSE for your absolutely GREAT C-Spans. I can only imagine there must be many a viewer who would support your personal bid to be even President of the U.S. A, just to get your exhaustive effort at "truth in Government". We've been lobbying here in Tucson to get "court Tv" off the 6AM-8PM slot on Jones intercable, to no avail. I'm beginning to think it's conspiracy time, connected somehow to bids for certain legislation or something.....We've canvassed "alternatate" sources of signal, but there's even "less respect".... Is it not possible that some "civic minded organization", interested in increasing "voter participation" or civic "responsibility", might contribute generic "advertising spots" run on cable to encourage the "sport of Congress watching"? It amazes me the number of people who hadn't a clue that you were on the air, or why I would seem so informed. A few spots, appealing to "getting involved" or getting the "dope on what's Really happening in Washington", might just do it... Maybe run on TNT, CNN...A&E...

Why I really have written for is to make the suggestion for a series of "eyeballs inside Congress". You have wonderfully followed newly elected Representatives "getting settled in to their offices", in the past. But what I and many chit chatters keep asking ourselves is "what do these people REALLY do with their time?" Why is it that they seldom seem to read the Legislation personally, and are they just the chief CEO of staffs of 18-40+-? Do they sneak off picking up checks at lobby parties all day, or evening, and all these committees of which they "head" are they real time consumers, and if so what's happening behind those doors....? There are a great many Representatives who seemingly propose little Legislation (probably something to thank God for...) to justify their time, and what in reality do

they actually do with our mail? I would love to see the cameras wander around the halls poking "it's nose in doors" to see what people are "doing all day", rather than a "canned and set up visit" wherin they can "arrange a productive day for the camera...". Cynical attitude?....Yes, and I'm sorry for it, but when you watch what comes out of Washington, and the seeming cynical attitude to what the people of this country want to see accomplished, such an attitude seems almost respectable.

I for one watched the hearings (Bless you) on the Bipartison Com. on Entitlements and Tax Reform, and have then followed the debates of the candidates, and the commercials for elections.......Incredible! I can appreciate ignorance for the new candidates on some issues, but incumbants...? Do they ever read the findings or reports from other committees, or have a clue what's happening in their own Congress? Aren't they aware that the public is becoming incredibly informed? Aren't they just a "wee bit ashamed" to twist and lie about known facts? Come to think of it, wouldn't it be marvelous to corral a few leaders and plunk them down with some intelligent and informed citizens for "questions on your directions and general directions of legislation that American people want...". Now there might be a very "productive committee"! It might actually lead to the revolution that the people of this country are begging for. (of the Congress)(:))

But I digress, I am serious though about the "eyeball on their doings". Most of us in the "real world" are expected to have a "sphere of responsibility" on our areas of "expertise, and we're expected to devote solid and constructive time to produce results and accomplishments. For the "real world" and I'm sure that's typical of C-Span people, that's probably 40 hrs+. What in heavens name, are these people really doing with their time, when they're not on camera, that is?

Thank you, Thank you for C-Span!
Sincerely,
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