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C-SPAN Networks
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Dear C-SPAN,

Once again I write to C-SPAN. This time a letter of commendation. I thank you very much for seating alternate party advocates at your Washington Journal table. Never has it been more important to our nation.

Whether your program managers agree or disagree, it is the democratic thing to do, and C-SPAN has done more for democracy than any other information mover in the world.

You can be proud of that, and hopefully work to maintain that status by refuting those practices which perpetuate the status quo ruling oligarchic establishment power, and presenting all voices which challenge it. That is real democracy, even though democracy

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in America is not sought out, nor ever embraced totally.

We are ruled from the top down today in my estimation. We need more populism not less. We need more Americans willing to participate and help decide their own fate and destiny.

C-SPAN certainly encourages that, but now and then falls into a trap of perpetuating the establishment, such as with your labelled phone numbers, and your choices of left/right guests at the round table as if that's all there is. By ~~not providing~~ ^{providing} with a phone labelled "other", you obviously do recognize there are views outside the left/right wayfare restrictions of thought.

I hope to see more "other" at your Washington Journal table in future. Thank you so much for what you have given us thus far.

Sincerely,

