

CSPAN provides a keyhole view into a world virtually unknown to the masses of United States citizens. Network television news entertains us with a fast paced glimpse at headline stories. Newspapers, while providing the detail, presents the issues in order of the editor's perceived importance and from the viewpoint of biased reporters.

We become part of the audience for conferences, speeches, debates and hearings when viewing CSPAN, obtaining an ability to make our own judgements about issues, political figures and organizations. The call-in programs expose us to opinions from all over the country, allowing us to view the issue from a different geographical perspective.

CSPAN, along with public television, has successfully illustrated an educational use for television. No longer are we spoon fed the news in between insulting situation comedies and predictable dramas. No longer is the average American to be deaf, dumb, and blind to the political process. CSPAN unveils not larger than life political figures, but citizens, like you and I, working toward a better tomorrow.

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