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Gentlemen:

I offer the following for your survey of C-Span viewers:

Benjamin Franklin said, "A nation of well informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins."

For too long Americans have had to rely on intermediaries for their understanding of government, issues, and candidates. If Benjamin Franklin's dictum is true, and I believe it is, then even a cursory appraisal of the state of our national affairs suggests that we have not been well enough informed.

I watch C-Span because I can observe for myself the workings of my national government and, in a more general sense, the American system. C-Span's offerings are from primary, rather than secondary, sources. The format is such that I can work C-Span into my schedule rather than vice-versa. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of C-Span's coverage is that viewers across the nation have an opportunity to question policy makers via telephone.

If a well informed electorate is one of the keystones of freedom, then that electorate must have access to correct information. C-Span is proving to be an invaluable media for interested citizens to become well informed.

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