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Dear C Span:

There is a bit of irony about the press's complaint regarding the pool restrictions imposed by the coalition during the Gulf War. A pool mentality existed, within the press itself, before this war. Possibly the reason for its existence is a combination of economics, laziness and complacency.

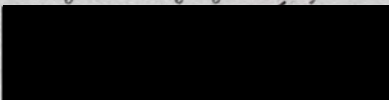
I began watching C Span out of a need to find something other than the same narrow slant on the news from most TV and print sources. The news people seemed more interested in criticism, exposure and listening to their own analysis than in depth coverage of the history, culture and personalities connected with local and world wide events.

The fact that TV organizations are losing money because advertisers^{are} withdrawing their advertising dollars due to their reluctance to have their product displayed next to war coverage or as a means of protesting the usurption of their advertising time, by war coverage, indicates that the advertisers do not appreciate that with the freedom to push their products comes the responsibility of partially footing the bill to disseminate news to the people who use their products. If our nation learned anything from the trauma of the 70s and 80s it should be that freedom and responsibility are inseparable.

As I began to compose this letter, in my mind, I located NBC's picture of President Bush speaking in honor of Black History Week. As soon as his remarks about the Gulf War were exhausted, NBC ceased coverage. I searched about the 36 channels, available to me, and found only 1, ABC, that stayed with The President's presentation of enlightening material regarding a race of people the press complains has not been given sufficient recognition.

Rather than complain about government restrictions the press could better use its time and voice. The public needs broader, in depth, intelligent world wide news coverage. C Span seems to make^a concerted effort to do this. Thank you! Unfortunately I spend a good deal of time in a location where cable TV is not available.

Very truly yours,



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