


*Viewer
Programming*

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Dear Sirs/Ms.:

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for the superb programming you've offered over the past few years. Your network is truly a diamond in a field of average programming. I have long since stopped looking to ABC, CBS, CNN, PBS, and NBC for national, politically oriented news.

Having said that, I have a bone to pick with you regarding the GAT/Free Trade issue. Specifically, recent guests being aired on viewer call-in programs like the one which featured the author of a book entitled, 'Encyclopedia of Economics' (aired 10-21-94). These are nothing more than staged GATT infomercials. My concern is not the guests, but rather, that they are permitted to propagandize the audience in support of a trade policy, which is bringing this country to it's economic knees - presented in a totally unchallenged format.

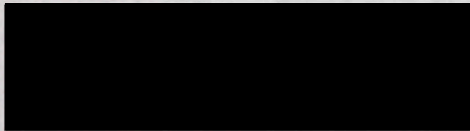
These people are routinely ushered on to C-SPAN's national forum with propaganda, which is essentially unchallenged. Here is the core of my complaint: you are obviously stifling the **DEBATE** on this issue! For example, your round table discussion (aired 11-15-94) featuring the idiot from Australia, and the woman from the elitist, corporate-sponsored foundation, constituted nothing more than a pro-GATT infomercial - not serious **DEBATE** on this issue. If I wanted to subject myself to one-sided, lying advertisements for GATT/WTB I'd devote more attention to the major media.

As an avid viewer of C-SPAN I want to see true **DEBATE** on GATT. I want an equal number of individuals who will provide the truth on the havoc this capital transferring, job transferring, U.S. de-industrializing, treasonous trade bill will wreak on our society. I want to see balance - not bias on this issue! It seems that you are consciously parading more and more corporate sponsored, lap dog economists and journalists in support of WTA, without the other side of the issue being discussed. In other words, there does not seem to be any true competition of ideas on this issue.

Personally, I would like to see some economists, politicians and journalists as guests which effectively relate the other side of the **DEBATE**. Ravi Batra (SMU economics professor and author which has appeared before on C-SPAN), Congresswomen Pelosi and Kaptur would be superb anti-GATT spokespersons, for instance. Pat Choate and Chuck Harder (For The People Network) are also excellent choices for viewer call-in and round table discussions on WTA.

Please, don't continue to desert honest discussion on this issue for shamelessly, choreographed advertisements.

Sincerely,



P.S. The jig is up! Let's have honest **DEBATE** on GATT - not pro-GATT infomercials!