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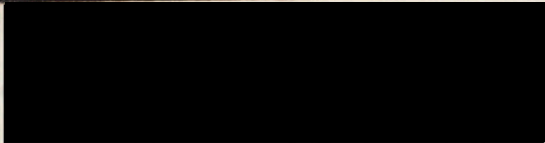
Being a retired teacher, age 70, an invalid, and a staunch Democrat, C-span is a daily diversion. Some of what you air is educational and informative, but your "skewing" politics is far from subtle. Using several daily newspapers is excellent, but your selection of articles is blatantly anti-Clinton and anti-Democrat. My Christianity won't permit me to dislike you and your counterparts, but I do hold that you, the media, have a responsibility to report news, not make news or overtly try to shape views of the electorate. Your choices for various panels is obvious, even to children, and will rise to haunt you in time. Your delight in condoning the divisiveness of a Rush Limbaugh or promoting ego-driven Ross Perot is a disservice to our nation. Our nation must heal, pull together, and become a creditor nation again — a super power with an economy to back its play.

With your usual flair for negative manipulation of the news you aired the workings of The Base Closure Commission with the terrible consequences for hundreds of thousands of American workers — BUT —

you failed purposely to identify the Commission members and who appointed them to the Commission knowing how ill-informed people are on that subject.

I well remember Jim Courter, the protector of Ollie North in the TV coverage of the Iran-Contra affair. He was the "water boy" for Rick Cheney and Orrin Hatch. Cheney was rewarded in being made Secretary of Defense and Courter's pay-off was Chairman of the Base Closure Commission. Chris Cox's wife should not be on the Commission for ethical and legal reasons — self-evident! Ambassador Stuart's background and support of Reagan-Bush monetarily speaks for itself and the same scrutiny of other members makes it so clear as to their decisions.

The Republicans should campaign for '94 & '96 elections, but the destruction of thousands of workers in California makes politics a cancer that must be contained. Fott, Gramm, and Hutchinson were well taken care of by Commission decisions. They destroyed Graham in northern Florida and tried so hard to "deliver" Illivoy by closing Great Lakes. Warner prevailed & Thurmond was "sopped". You put Clinton, his budget, his foreign policy, et al under the microscope with vigor. Why not be patriotic and cover Base Closures properly? You owe us that!!



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