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DEAR C-SPAN:

cc: d. roycraft

FIRST, YOU HAVE EXCELLENT TASTE IN MUSIC.

SECOND, YOU'VE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO SEE AND HEAR OUR GOVERNMENT IN ACTION. I LEARNED THAT THERE ARE SOME INTOLLIGENT DEMOCRATS^(?) TRAFICANT (MOYNIHAN, VUNN) - THAT SOME LEGISLATORS RUN HEARINGS VERY WELL (LUBERMAN), WHILE SOME ARE INCOMPOTENT AND^{DESPODIC,} ARROGANT (LUKERS - TOBACCO ADVERTISING). WE^{HAVE} LEARNED THAT PERHAPS HALF OF OUR "LEADERS" HAVE SPEECH DEFECTS (AN IMPERFECT S), WHICH PUTS THEM IN A CLASS WITH DENNIS WHOLEY, CHARLES KURALT, DAN RATHER, HUGH DOWNY, ROGER MURD, ~~BARBARA WALKERS~~ ^(DETROIT) MORT CRIM, MAYOR COLOMAN YOUNG, JOHNNY CARSON, ETC).

THERE IS ONE IMPORTANT TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENT YOU COULD MAKE! WHEN YOU FLASH A NAME OR MESSAGE ON THE SCREEN, IT SHOULD STAY UP THERE FOR AT LEAST 5 SECONDS. WE CAN'T MOVE OUR LIPS FAST ENOUGH TO READ YOUR SUPERS, AND WE DON'T KEEP EYES FIXED ON THE TV - OFTEN DO OTHER THINGS WHILE VIEWING (E.G. WRITE LETTER TO YOU WHILE

LISTENING TO BRIAN LAMB AND MARTIN MAYER, ALSO,
SOME OF US LIKE TO MEMORIZE YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS,
LEARN SPELLING OF NAMES, ETC. - GIVE US 5 SECONDS,
NOT 2,

ANOTHER DISCOVERY IS THAT MOST OF YOUR
PARTICIPANTS ARE SEMI-LITERATES - E.G., ^{RON} ~~RON~~
SNOW'S GRAMMAR WHILE DISCUSSING SOUTER, OR THE
AUTHOR OF "TORNADO PAPICALS," WHO SAID "I GRADUATED
BENNINGTON," WHICH IS VERY LOW CLASS ENGLISH INDEED,
HE SAID HE MAJORED IN PHILOSOPHY AND GREEK, THEN BRIAN
ASKED WHAT HE MAJORED IN (DOES BRIAN LISTEN TO GUESTS?),
THEN BOTH OF THEM MISUSED WHO, WHOM, / THERE ARE ALSO
MISPRONUNCIATIONS, IGNORANT SPELLING (^{BRITISH SPELLING} TRAVELLING, PRINCIPLE
FOR PRINCIPAL, AS IN ~~THE PRINCIPAL~~ ^{THE} PRINCIPAL
REASON), AND WOULD YOU BUY A USED CAR FROM
SOMEONE WHO SAYS FROD GIFT? I THINK NOT.

I'D LOVE TO SEE A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE
LOW LEVELS OF LITERACY (GRAMMAR, PRONUNCIATION,
SPELLING) IN AMERICA AMONG JOURNALISTS, POLITICIANS,
DOCTORS, LAWYERS, TEACHERS, ^{POSSIBLE} PANELISTS: WILLIAM
SARFIRE, EDWIN NEWMAN, MICHAEL GARTNER, THERE
USED TO BE LANGUAGE-SAVVY COLUMNISTS ON SATURDAY
REVIEW, ^(SIMON) ESQUIRE. PERHAPS PAUL FUSSELL AT PENN, THOUGH
HE'S NOT IMMACULATE, I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND

3 ^A ~~SUB~~BLITERATE

MARGARET TUTWILER, AND OUR TALK-SHOW HOSTS
ARE CERTAINLY NOT ROLE MODELS OF LITERACY -
AND USES THE UNCOMPLETED TAG FOR IS " "
BERNARDO SAYS EXCEPTA, SALLY JOSSE SAYS AND
WRITES PARAPARLOGIC, DONAHUE, WHO DOESN'T KNOW
HOW TO ROUND OFF NUMBERS, SPELLS ^{= DEFENDANT} DEPENDENT
WITHOUT AN A.

DID I MENTION THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH SUSAN
SWAIN - SUSAN, I'M ONLY 72!)

YOUR SIGNAL ON UNITED ^{TRIBUNE} CABLE TV OFTEN WUBBLES.

~~HOMER~~ COME ARMAMENTS EXPORTS (ISPOW, MAINBUNKER, ET
ALII) CAN'T EVEN PRONOUNCE NUCLEAR (NOOKRYDOOLAR), AND
POLITICAL EXPORTS CAN'T PRONOUNCE THE J SOUND IN
BOI-JING OR THE MAY IN ME-IR (^{CORRECTLY} PRONOUNCED
MAY-EAR), OR THE KOO IN KUWAIT (NOT KYDOOWAIT).

NOTHING HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT HOW THE OPEC
LEADERS WOULD BE IN PRISON HERE FOR ANTI-TRUST
VIOLATIONS. / YOUR COURTESY TOWARD ALL THE IGNORANT
ORAZIES WHO CALL IN IS TRULY COMMENDABLE. /

OUR GOVERNMENT JUST DOESN'T GET THE
PICTURE - DOESN'T UNDERSTAND OUR OUTRAGE. IT'S
NOT JUST TAXES. IT'S SENSELESS EXPENDITURES.
GOVERNMENT IS A NECESSARY EVIL. IT SHOULD INCREASE
^{LAW ENFORCEMENT}
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, MEDICAL CARE, BUT SLASH
FOOLISH EXPENDITURES. WE COULD START BY NOT

DEPENDING JAPAN OR NATO, WE COULD CUT MOST
 GOVT BUREAUS BY ABOUT 70%, ELIMINATE THE
 GOVT PRINTING OFFICE,
 N.E.A., D.C.A., I.R.S. (BY A FLAT TAX), FARM SUBSIDIES
^{MODERN} ^{AGRICULTURAL}
 & SUPPORT FOR ^{AGRICULTURAL} CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, NASA COULD BE
 SLOWED DOWN - IT'S A LUXURY WHEN PEOPLE ARE ILL OR
 HOMELESS - HUD & HEW WERE DISASTERS - I'VE WORKED
 FOR A.I.D. (I.C.A.) IN GUATEMALA - WE SHOULD ELIMINATE
 IT, I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE DEPT OF STATE - MUCH OF IT
 SHOULD GO, [THE TROOPS COULD HAVE STAYED HOME IF WE
 HAD WARNED SADDAM INSTEAD OF SAYING WE DIDN'T CARE,
 [OUR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE A CLUE
^{FOOLISH}
 ABOUT OUR ^{FOOLISH} RAGE AT EXPENDITURES, ABOUT A WEEK AGO
 THEY VOTED \$500,000 TO RENOVATE LAWRENCE WELK'S
 BOYHOOD HOME. I DON'T FAULT WELK - AFTER ALL, HE'S AN
 IMMIGRANT FROM NORTH DAKOTA WHO TALKS LIKE
^{LESS}
 GUNTHER ^{LESS}, BUT DID INVENT THE MECHANICAL BAND,
 BUT HE COULD RENOVATE HIS OWN HOME - HE'S WORTH
 ABOUT TEN MILLION DOLLARS, [WE ARE SPENDING BIG BUCKS
TO STUDY THE SAND AT WAIKIKI, I'M OUTRAGED AT
 OUR GOVERNMENT, MUCH OF WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT DOES
 (SOLANUM POLLUTION, ETC.)
 IS HARMFUL - RUINING THE SOIL IN THE SOUTHWEST THROUGH
 FOOLISH IRRIGATION FOR RICH FARMERS, [IT'S GOOD THAT
 YOU SHUT OFF CALLERS WHO USE BAD LANGUAGE,
 BUT TODAY ONE OF YOUR JOURNALISTS USED

COARSE AND OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE, WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP OR BLOPP HIM². DON'T BECOME AN OUTHOUSE LIKE THE OTHER NETWORKS⁴

THIS MORNING YOU ANNOUNCED THAT A SESSION WOULD BEGIN MOMENTARILY, MOMENTARILY MEANS ²FOR A SECOND, NOT IN A SECOND.

ONE PROBLEM WE ^(THE PUBLIC) HAVE IS THAT COMMUNICATION IS ALL ONE-WAY, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT COMMERCIALS, ^{PRODUCTS,} TV PROGRAMS, OR ANYTHING ELSE. PERHAPS YOU COULD PERSUADE SOME ORGANIZATION TO ~~BE~~ PUBLISH ADDRESSES WHERE WE COULD WRITE AND COMPLAIN OR MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS, NO ONE BUT C-SPAN SEEMS TO CARE WHAT WE, THE GREAT UNWASHED PUBLIC, THINK. / RIGHT NOW, ROBERT BONNETT IS BADGERING EDWIN GRAY IN AN ARROGANT MANNER, WHY IS THIS ALLOWED? / ONE MORE THING: IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH YOU ON THE PHONE. / INCA: WE COULD FEED THE U.S.S.R. THIS WINTER IN EXCHANGE FOR 15,000 RUSSIAN TANKS ON THE TURKISH-IRAQI BORDER. /

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR WONDERFUL WORK,
AND THANK GOD FOR C-SPAN

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ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHY WE ARE
 OUTRAGED: THE DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
 IS A VAST WAREHOUSE AND CHARNEL HOUSE
 (SO FAR THIS YEAR 11 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN
^{IN SCHOOL} MURDERED). IT'S SO BAD THAT FOR YEARS, DETROIT
 COLUMNIST JUNE BROWN GARNER RAN A PROGRAM
 CALLED "LOT'S READ" WHERE VOLUNTEERS HAD
 TO TEACH DETROIT PUPILS TO READ, OUTSIDE THE
 SCHOOL SYSTEM, (USING THE BOOK BY BLOOMFIELD &
 BARNHART). AT THE SAME TIME SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
 WERE RIDING AROUND IN ^{EXPENSIVE} CHAUFFEURS CARS AND GOING
 ON JUNKETS ABROAD. BUT RECENTLY, THEY WANTED
 TO HIRE A BROADCASTER AS A SCHOOL PR MAN
AT \$50,000 YEARLY. WHY DO WE TURN DOWN SCHOOL
 & MILLAGE INCREASES?, OUR SCHOOL WANTS TO BUILD A
 SWIMMING POOL (WE HAVE 300 LAKES - I LIVE ON ONE).
 POLICE REFUSE TO EVICT SQUATTERS AND VANDALS FROM
 A VACANT HOUSE I'M SELLING, YET THEY ARE QUICK TO
 TICKET VISITORS OR WORKERS WHO PARK IN FRONT OF
 (\$40 - I PAID LAST YEAR)
 MY HOUSE, WE ARE OUTRAGED - LONG LIVE THE
 LIBERTARIANS!
 DO YOU READ THOSE OR
 JUST COUNT THEM?

LONG LIVE
 E-SPAN