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Dear Sirs:

C-Span has been a favorite of mine for 2 years and I have Tried many Times To call in without Success. I have always felt That you Were fair and unbiased.

The recent change from geographical calls To political affiliation calls is, in my opinion, a form of censorship. I understand That your goal is To present all views on an issue. When you have 2 guests of opposing views That goal has been satisfied. Why is it Necessary To regulate fairness when it comes To opinions of Those views?

As a viewer, I Will either support or oppose a certain view and using This process I will eventually support a politician and cast my vote for That politician. The last Time I checked, The majority supporting a certain opinion wins. This is not a fair process and it never will be. Regulating fairness To this process can only be called restraint of The majority opinion.

More important, you appear biased when you handle your calls in This manner. Obviously, you didn't like The mix you were receiving so you developed this method giving equal Time To all factions. The Reform Party and The Libertarian Party at This Time in history do not and will not be equal To either of The 2 major parties. Affirmative action or what?

Furthermore, I find The 3 call in lines To be

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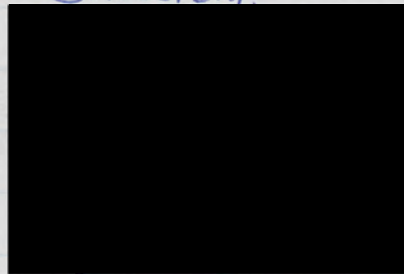
predictable and boring. When I listen to my local radio show, I find myself moaning everytime I hear some regular liberal and conservative callers call in because they always state the same thing no matter what subject or guest is on. We have a man here called Sarge and no matter what is being discussed his conversation always relates to the military. The same feeling that I have when I hear the radio host say, "Hello Sarge", is the same feeling that I have when I watch you go from conservative, to liberal, to other. I know what's coming and I don't want to hear it again. I am more receptive to opposing views when I don't know what to expect.

My complaint about media in general is that fairness is confused with the search for facts and truth. In my opinion, fairness is allowing each of your guests the opportunity to express their views and to defend them. True fairness on your part would be to include representatives of both major parties and both "minor" parties in your panels. That would be silly but fair. Fairness has nothing to do with the search for truth and facts - reporters and journalists are the tools needed for that search. Viewers ask questions and state opinions and in doing so search out facts and truth. Your program allows your guests the opportunity to defend their views and more times than not facts and truth are exposed. It makes no difference if most of the callers are on one side or the other, it is the ability to defend ones' point of

view based upon facts that is important.

There are many options for me to educate myself on current events. Your program has been very informative but I have stopped watching, listening, and reading certain television programs, radio programs, newspapers, and magazines when I felt that the primary interest was to present fairness and ignore facts and truth. If it ain't broke don't fix it!

Sincerely,



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