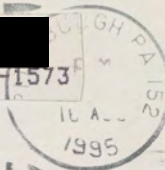


Talk shows, including your call-in's, serve no purpose than to let the frustrated howl in the face of the powerful. Does it disappoint you that open-phone callers don't learn that your hosts don't answer questions, let alone tell them how to get their missing S.S. checks? Or that editors and columnists are not biased for writing opinions? Rarely does talk add information to an issue: of the hundreds of times talkers said that Mrs. Weaver was "shot between the eyes", or "through the brain", it took your airing of the militia rally for a woman to say, of her own knowledge, that she was "wounded in the neck and bled to death". Neither does the talk format result in solutions: during the Gulf War, one of your callers said "I think they should send cows." The guest asked "you mean rather than MRE rations?" The caller said "No, to clear the mine fields, instead of the men." It was an all time classic. I learn more from one "Booknotes" than 3 hours of "Washington Journal", even when the guests are not talk show hosts.

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