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Viewer

Dear Mr. Lamb:

This letter is in response to the viewers that called-in the other day concerning your "leaning to the liberal." I've thought the matter over for some few days. I think, at first, I could have been one of those "critics." I'm glad, now, that "your" phone line was busy, and I couldn't get through. Because, now, I don't think there's too much you personally can do to rectify the situation.

Because so many liberal critics of the "Contract with America" have been so hateful and vociferous in their really hate-filled rhetoric, any provision, on your shows, for a "balanced" view, i.e., having a liberal and a conservative on each show, CONNOTES a *capitulation to the liberal point of view*. The conservatives registering the complaints are merely demonstrating their anger at the "unjustness" of the criticisms from the "other side."

It is to your virtue of "fairness" that you choose to present both sides; I, for one, congratulate you for wanting to do just that. But I, too, am totally disgusted at the shameful things the liberal opposition has chosen to fight against in the way they've chosen to do so.

The other comment I'd like to make on this issue concerns the *availability* of conservative newspapers. In my opinion, of all the newspapers examined on "The Roundtable" or "The Washington Journal," the ONLY one that's conservative is the Washington Times. In my opinion, the WT is the only one in a 500-mile radius of DC that is NOT liberal or moderately liberal, or leftist, for that matter.

I don't know, as I said above, what you can do about the problem. The only other remark I'll make is that there have been times when your panel-moderators have cut-off callers, most of them *female*, for no *apparent* reason. Yet when male callers come afterwards and are speaking on the same topic in the same way, they are allowed to talk.

THIS is NOT done very often, and shoot, I know you can't be perfect. So, I don't hold this against your program leaders. People are human, and mistakes will be made. I really don't think you're OUT to only listen to men. But falling on the "heels" of this above-mentioned "emotional backlash," for want of a better word, this "cutting-off of callers" doesn't help.

I don't know whether this has helped you or not. I do know that I'm indebted to you for allowing me to view "history in the making" each and every day, without stupid commentary from the "other side!" As far as I'm concerned, C-SPAN has a pretty far way to descend into the mucky mire of NBC, CBS, and ABC, or FOX.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views.

Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]
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