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Dear C-Span,

What a wonderful concept your program, the Washington Journal has, equal time for the Republicans, the Democrats and other political parties. They even have their own special phone lines. However, today was a fine example of how the Washington Journal considers equal time for all the parties involved. Your show started with a Democrat caller and ended with a Democrat caller. What a surprise!

If the Washington Journal feels so compelled to give an equal amount of time to the various callers, may I suggest that the Washington Journal use a timer. Maybe, one like the chess players use. This would in fact be a step to insure the equal time theory that the Washington Journal imposed will work. I feel that both the callers and guests should have a specified amount of time for questions and answers. Recently, I have noticed that your host or hostess control the flow of the discussion just by pushing a button. Most times when a guest who holds Liberal- Democrat convictions and values, they are allowed to answer the caller first. The Republican conservative then offers his point of view. At this point, 9 times out of 10 the Liberal-Democrat is given the opportunity to rebut what the Republican had stated. Shouldn't C-Span step in and give the Republican a chance to rebut. Is this the attitude that the Washington Journal believes to be fair and equal? I find that the Washington Journal is very fond letting the Liberals and Democrat's who appear on the show dictate the discussion. There have been countless, countless times that I have seen your Liberal- Democrat guest either use evasive tactics or they refuse to answer question from the callers. Yesterday, was an excellent example of this problem. The guest that the Washington Journal had on was Brandon Mitchell. A caller who identified himself as a WWII veteran, asked Mr. Mitchell some very direct questions. However, Mr. Mitchell, clearly did not answer any of these questions. The sad part was that your host sat around

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with a blank stare. He never once challenged Mr. Mitchell to really answer the callers questions. At times these Liberal-Democrats that are invited on the Washington Journal, act as though they are on Capitol Hill filibustering a Republican sponsored bill. I've also noticed on more then one occasion that when a Republican caller has called in, your host or hostess sit on the abort button like an "Old Mother Hen" often cutting the caller off. Once again, is this fair and equal time? It is certainly nice to see that the Washington Journal is running their own welfare program, one that helps these Liberal-Democrats. I guess the Washington Journal feels that they need a helping hand. This is not surprising, seeing how the Liberal-Democrats always want something for nothing.

Recently, while watching the Washington Journal, I was informed that Jack Kemp played football for the San Diego Chargers of the N.F.L.. I found this totally amazing! History has been rewritten. All this time I thought that Jack Kemp played for the San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills of the old A.F.L.. You also have had a caller from Bradford Pa. who calls in once a week. He managed to inform the country that President Nixon was impeached. Once again history has been rewritten on the Washington Journal. I thought that President Nixon resigned even before the impeachment process started. In both cases your host J.J. and the politically correct guests that you feature on your show again never made an attempt to correct this caller. This caller who had the uncanny ability to misinform the country with his vast knowledge of history and politics. Is'nt it the responsibility of your host and guest to challenge and correct these callers, who have virtually no clue of what has happened in history. Many of your guests have made the claim that they are historians or have a history degree from some elite University. To be honest they should give their degree back and ask for a refund. Oh! I almost forgot that great pundit from ABC News John Cochran, when he was on the Washington

Journal also made the statement, that President Nixon was impeached. However, the host Lew Ketchum let the fractured truth go over the airwaves unchallenged. I wonder how many of your young listeners now believe that President Nixon was actually impeached. It wasn't very long ago your hostess, Susan, told a caller "You called last week, I recognize your voice". Unfortunately, Susan just let the caller proceed. Susan let this womans tirade against the Republican Party continue. Earlier this year, Susan cut-off an old-man from California, who was a Republican. Susan had claimed that this old-man had called in before his 30 day limit was up. Why do your host and hostess discriminate against callers that support the GOP?

Still to this day, my favorite was when Connie Brod, received a call from Tennessee. The caller expounded all the virtues of President Clinton. He complained about the lawsuit of Paula Jones. Connie must of felt she had a GOP basher. The caller proclaimed she (Paula Jones) was a dupe of the GOP. He stated that "she should have...."! I'll stop there out of respect for the reader. If you've forgotten check your tapes.

The point is that no matter what party you belong to, equal time should be equal time. Your host or hostess should show professional courtesy to the people who call in (After all they are paying for their calls). Instead they constantly are being cut-off, then the host or hostess has the audacity to finish the callers statements. As if your host and hostess have some crystal ball to possibly know what the caller was going to say.

I also know that the people that represent your program should be knowledgeable and informative, so should your guest. As beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so is perception!

