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ESSAY: C-SPAN, WINDOW TO HISTORY

I watch C-Span because: Through its window to American government it is giving us, as a people, and to me individually, a glass-house view of history in the making. So valuable is its periscopic coverage of all vitals of our government that to ignore or reject its wealth of presence would have to be likened to turning away in disinterest from the profoundness of a new-found cache of ancient manuscripts.

Furthermore, it is by some of the most affable personalities on or off television today---namely the C-Span host staff---that I am brought into the stately grandeur of the United States House of Representatives; to join in session with our Congressmen, to listen, to observe; where bills are passed or bills are defeated; issues introduced and resolutions debated. And whether it be the completely unbiased Susan, Ed, Brian, Carrie, Bruce, Carl or Alex, I am welcomed as a warm friend to view affairs of State, sit in on great speeches, forums and debates; attend caucuses and political rallies, sit front and center at confirmation hearings, go behind the scenes of newspapers and into the neighborhood market to feel out the political pulse of Mr. and Mrs. America.

Likewise, they invite me several times each day to be a participant in call-in programs, which brings me face to face with distinguished and



prominent C-Span guests, to whom I may personally voice my views and ask my questions. And, though my face to them is only an audible conception, they respond to me as would a sit-down visitor in my home. I may agree or disagree---but always they leave me with points to ponder.

Thus, it is, as history marches forward in America, C-Span has become the window through which I and millions of Americans can watch the parade of government as it marches by---sometimes, right in step and sometimes, woefully out of step---but always a part of the whole analysis, before it makes it into the history books.

What a gift you have given America, C-Span! Wow!

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