

1 Brian Lamb:

2 On a Monday morning before Thanksgiving, you had an extended
3 conversation with a caller regarding the telephone lines situa-
4 tion. You are exactly right, it is not an issue simply because
5 there is no solution.

6 Callers will abuse whatever you formulate and it is up to we
7 the audience to distinguish between the abusers and the honest
8 callers.

9 Another item was that you -- C-Span -- has changed. Paul
10 Wayne over at NET had the same problem. He and you people have
11 not changed, we the audience have changed. C-Span educates us,
12 makes us more astute, we become very discriminating and
13 sophisticated. The fact remains that each of us a thousand times
14 a day utter the prayer, -- THANK GOD FOR C-SPAN --

15 Of course I want to play buttinski, and throw in my two
16 cents. My suggestion enclosed will offend some callers and
17 reduce their input, but that is the whole idea, to rid the
18 programs of false issues and the broadcasting of misinformation
19 and political propaganda.

20 Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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The price of liberty (freedom) is eternal vigilance.

Wake up -- America!!!!

We're mad as hell..... and we're not going to take it anymore!

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Brian Lamb:

The way to revamp the format of Washington Journal and the programs before the House begins sessions is as follows.

The problem stems from what one of your callers talked about several months ago. That problem is except for the Washington Times, we are being subjected to the philosophy of the New York Times, the Washington Post and other liberal newspapers. These news reports are noted not only for what they do report in their slanted and biased reporting, but BY WHAT THEY DO NOT ASK, WHAT THEY DO NOT REPORT. An for instance, -- How could the Washington Press Corp not follow up and investigate the fact that since 1993, there have been people working in the White House without proper security clearances. with rampant drug use?

Even today, Leon Penta is not being held accountable for his blanket denial of lack of security clearances make public in a vehement denial over the networks. (castigating Newt Gingrich).

Not only are we being subjected to news stories we do not want to be associated with, ninety-eight percent of those reporters are mouthing things they have no first hand knowledge about. All they are doing is repeating things that someone else, a Reporter or Government Official has said, and this is espoused as a Gospel over and over, from one reporting source to another ad infinitum. This is the classic case of the big lie become a truth if told often enough, long enough, forceful enough.

The solution is two-fold: Established each morning a panel of intelligence people, two or three, to act as inquisitors to the guest. (news reporter, government official or other). This to be back up by an on camera computer operator who can punch up any given topic to reveal the exact, correct and true essence of the subject matter. This way, the loyal and devoted viewers of your excellent programming will be able to KNOW WHAT THE TRUE STATUS OF A SUBJECT MATTER IS, as well as for the professional panel to confront any slight embellishment of the truth.

This professional panel will be paid to BE NEUTRAL, BE BI-PARTISAN, BE TRUTHFUL AND HONEST. If C-Span can afford to send two C-Span busses all over the country, they can find the funds to support these professionals. This is not to be the crossfire concept where one faction overtalks and are rude to the other, but patterned more closely to the Oxford Debates formula, or a

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Court Room Prosecutorial style proceeding whereby the spokesman will have to defend his statements, covered by his philosophy coming as close to the truth as possible.

This suggestion in no way negates the wonderful, imperative and greatly appreciated effort and work, the service provided by C-Span for the concerned viewers. We all say each morning upon arising, THANK GOD FOR C-SPAN, if not on every hour.

Let me summarize the points.

- (1) The panel should have a neutralized title such as Ombudsman, should be professional personnel paid to honest, truthful and fair. This being the only test of balance.

According to budget, they can even operate the computer, being responsible for the compilations in every category as well as the retrieval.

- (2) This truth squad surveillance will be guests under the present format and viewers call-in. Any misstatements or misrepresentations will be immediately challenged with the provable facts.
- (3) The great fault of the present programming is that people, guests and call-ins, are not representing first hand information. They read newspaper accounts (which is all right -- what else are they to do) which may be first hand accounts biased or slanted, (again, based on questions they do not ask or reports not included) or third or fourth hand accounts with their own built-in prejudices. (Example: Newt's famous "wither on the vine" statement taken out of context.)

The tremendous leap in public information provided by C-Span, needed and necessary, needs to be refined for we only want to dispense the truth, deal in honesty, be factual, within the framework of public discourse. This method will keep the Spin Doctors in proper prospective. Let them spin their webs but C-Span will make the necessary corrections and confrontations. The old refrain remains, "If you can't stand the heat, keep out of the kitchen!" If they can't tell the truth, don't come on the program of public information.