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C-Span

I listened to your program Friday morning with interest. I find the format, more than the guests, critical to my listening habits. It doesn't matter who shows up on Washington Week in REview (13), the program is always under control and informative.

I am not interested in news that is repetitive or predictable- speakers eager to espouse a party line. They can be fast talkers, often strident, or glib-but are always shallow.

If politicians can be isolated-conversed with one on one- they can be rational. They can give good speeches and analyze problems routinely and nicely but their solutions remain at large, however, with enough blame to include everyone and everything. Ser. Moynihan, welfare expert, comes to mind. After years of study, on the subject, he is strangely silent now that the need for change is at hand.

I pay attention to authors (Books): they may have given a little thought to what they think they think and sometimes I can agree or be informed.

I regard the Democratic party soft as peeled grapes and the other party a poor substitute. Politicians, as a bunch, are an embarrassment for the voting public.

I support The Concord Coalition, among others, but have come to the conclusion that their efforts will be in vain until Congress is reformed- how they Are elected and how they conduct their business.

I think I hear your listeners saying- each in his idiosyncratic way- is it not WHAT IS BEING SAID over and over again that bothers them, it is WHAT IS NOT BEING SAID that they need to know to act intelligently. It takes too long for Congress to act upon the public will- action with accountability and responsibility.

I agree with your caller who said this country will change its ways when it goes bankrupt.

In the meantime, why not have a week in which nothing is said on your program and others but nations THAT HAVE GONE BANKRUPT and its consequences. NOW that would be worth repeating.

In the meantime, C-Span is the best source of information in town.

It is an after thought- this business of intelligence- but why not remind people of all religions that the story of Creation is also the story of Man's emergence from total dependence to perilous self-reliance, with all man-made dangers incipient therein? The Garden of Eden once was and remains under the Persian Gulf. It happened in pre-recorded history.

*Cordially yours,*

