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Brian Lamb, CEO  
C-SPAN / DC

Dear CEO;

Beginning with a veritable flurry of righteous indignation over what is to this day an unconscionable concentration of media-power in too few hands, C-SPAN has itself caught the disease. Is it something in the water? The air? Perhaps the tone of a place which has come to symbolize corruption and a massive political dysfunctioning? Whatever, it grows and callers know it. You cannot hide, my friends, any more than the mountebanks of the rest of journalism can.

With this P.C. "Ensured Fairness" of yours---deciding who shall be heard via the phones---the burden of decency  
was just too much for your <sup>staff</sup> en masse. Call these stacked lines for what they are: Phoney Phone-Ins. I personally think you cannot bear to hear the impact of what millions of us know for fact, i.e., that we are in crisis and you are a part of it. As for the phone-banks cop-out, let the Left get its own. (If they can find enough users).

Beyond interdiction, we will now <sup>u</sup>hear a 2 to 1 array of comedians soon. Repeats of Imus v. Franken and---good lord---David Brenner, who is little more than a token on the scene. Utterly contrived once more. Do you not see this imbalance? For the record, Franken and Brenner are pro-Clintonites. Imus spares no one. Sooner or later, water seeks its own level, goes to the maxim. Wait, I understand! You cannot find anyone who is anti-Bubba. No matter. It speaks for itself.



## 2. C-SPAN's Disgrace

"Booknotes" rolls on, using whatever faddish tome of the moment ticks the putzes\* of your totally failed division. Even your II formulation emits significant sucking sounds, as the young would say. No book with a soupcon of centrist/Libertarian/conservative merit makes it, other than a few now and then for effect. You allow a non-entity like Belle Hooks do her thing as you will surely suppress Professor Mary Lefkowitz' cogent Not Out of Africa---the counterpoise to this rampant Spike Lee-ism. Real history and true scholarship has no chance on these miserable excuses for enlightenment. Ted Sorenson should be balanced out by writers who saw the dysfunctional Kennedy clan for what they were.

Your decades-long war <sup>against</sup> ~~the~~ the Second Amendment still prevails. You use the senile twit Colman McCarthy but would never ask an editor from The American Rifleman or The American Hunter on. It never occurs to you that those who are really responsible for saving all your freedoms have an equal right to be heard. That will never change, for the personal attributes causing McCarthy's ongoing appearances preclude integrity in your ranks. Human Events is not my cup of tea, be advised. Yet, they are far more caring for the future of the republic than your buddies at IPS. The John Birch Society may have some hinges loose, but they have more probity than most of your executives.

Pray continue. It hastens real change. Ciao.

cc: Programming Head

\*one of our few words from the ancient Mesopotamian, with no precise translation.

Note: in case it has not dawned on you yet, the bulk of major media are ~~all~~ Joe Kleins and have lost all they have to peddle, credibility. Do something there.



Addendum

Because there is no doubt an insoluble/mindset against the nation's oldest and largest sporting faction (and civil rights group to boot. We put guns in the hands of Southern blacks in the 1960s; what did you do?), NRA, it is unlikely that you would ever deign to consult what the Smithsonian and Library of Congress accepts as the world's foremost authority on all things gunwise. That, alas, is an idelible part of your character; and, it deserves no more mention.

Nearby, however, are a plethora of other outfits who can put a bit of empirical evidence on the air, assuming you are not completely out of it. Consider:

Nearby: Neal Knox, Dir.  
Firearms Coalition  
Box 6537,  
Silver Spring, MD 20906

via long-distance:

Aaron Zelman, Dir.  
Jews for the Preservation  
of Firearms Ownership,  
2872 So. Wentworth Ave.,  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Joseph Tartaro, Ed.  
The new Gun Week  
Box 488 - Station C -  
Buffalo, NY 14209

Jeffrey Snyder  
ALS Publications  
Box 114, Chanango Bridge, NY 13745-0114

Larry Pratt, Dir.  
Gun Owners of America  
Suite 102 - 8001 Forbes  
Place, Springfield, VA  
22151 (he got a bum  
rap and can defend him-  
self granted a chance).  
Never mind. You are  
untreatable, re (him).

Prof. Wm. R. Tonso, PHD,  
Sociology Dept.  
University of Evansville  
Evansville, IN 47722

Prof. Gary Kleck, Soc.  
Dept. Florida State U.  
(liberal)

What an incredible shame you cannot seek out Don B. Kates, Jr., former law clerk to the late Wm. Kunstler and most well-versed of all pro-gun-rights advocates. In denying these and others, you keep the record intact. If an HCI member is used, please make it on the same show, for your hosts do not have the acumen to rebut.

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