

August 28, 1991

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 ATTN: Mr. Brian Lamb

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Let me preface my letter with 1) I believe your network to be the finest outlet for information that can be obtained on a daily basis and 2) there isn't enough money in the world that could interest me in your job. Having said that, I will now tell you of my concerns.

Usually, my correspondence will contain my gratitude in conjunction with any "constructive" criticism and never without suggestions/recommendations to accompany that criticism in order to improve programming and scheduling. This letter necessitates me to vary those rules.

Realizing that this time of the year is of slow/no news period, save the events evolving in the Soviet Union, and it must be very difficult to get interesting topics or guests, but that does not exclude what I feel are responsibilities, by the very nature of your charter or "mission".

Starting off with your interview of Bradlee of the Washington Post. As a figure of possible interest to only those in Washington, D.C. area, why was he interviewed? - Having stated that he was tired of interviews, I found him to be of an intimidating nature toward you and let it be known that he was not going to be honest or answer any of the "hard" questions. Further, I would have to assume that he would not agree to a "live call-in" show in order to avoid anyone else from asking the hard questions of him. Bradlee's modus operandi is such that he will not subject himself to the same "rules" he applies to others. The interview was of no value to anyone.

It was with further disappointment that I viewed this interview where "kid gloves" were used. - Bradlee was permitted to reinforce his confidence, faith etc., on Bob Woodward's "Commanders" but was not asked to comment on Len Colodny's "Silent Coup". (*NOTE- Len Colodny and G. Gordon Liddy have publicly pleaded for John Dean to file suit against them concerning matters contained in the book.)

Bradlee, using the same rules by not allowing "live call-in" questions on Larry King's "live call-in" "talk show" avoided explaining what he meant by stating "his greatest achievement at the Washington Post was to bring down a presidency" while totally dismissing "the Janet Cooke" story. You might understand the frustration and disgust which "knowledgeable" viewers find themselves with when these interviews are conducted on what I feel to be of irregular nature. It is with utter contempt and distrust that I hold for the "media" and it is ironic that while the Soviet Union closed down TASS and PRAVDA along with their national television propaganda program for their complicity in the coup and other disinformation/propaganda, we have in this Nation, rampant abuses of the First Amendment by the "media" with no forum for recourse by the American public.

*NOTE- I found it very timely for Paul Weyrich to announce that with the closing and investigation of the KGB that we may be able to find out members of the media as well as Congress who are "engaged". It is with pity that these cowardly scoundrels are allowed to operate with impunity in this country by using the word "democracy" to hide their dastardly acts. Contrary to your "Inside C-SPAN" segment where you stated that the viewer can challenge a journalist/reporter on your "Journalists Roundtable". A viewer who does not discuss a newspaper article of the day/week under current discussion or who does challenge a journalist is "cut-off".

As regards [REDACTED], on the "Inside C-SPAN" segment, she made the statement in regard to a viewer question "Ken Adelman as "out of the mainstream" in conjunction with using Mother Jones as examples in her reply. I find this very telling, as it is outrageous, and I'm sure Mr. Adelman would feel the same way. Also, Ms. [REDACTED] stated 90% of your guests are invited as opposed to volunteers asking to be on a show as she would be "wary" of those asking. Allowing the fact that the "media" and it's members are predominantly leftist liberals, and the 90 percent invitation figure she gave, I would think that an even greater effort would be put forth to obtain balance. If she is stating that conservatives and Republicans are refusing her invitations to various programs including "Journalist's Roundtable" then I intend to inquire of these journalists/members who in the past 12 years I have seen but on very few occasions while members/journalists of the leftist liberal persuasion have been "regulars".

Sincerely,
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P.S. Another Example -

Bruce, while interviewing Ray Cline, Permitted two Communist "Call in" viewers to take up most of Mr. Cline's appearance to spew their Communist rhetoric whereas, a regular viewer would have been "cut-off". Bruce then openly solicited without any request, information for viewers to contact the Communist organization. This is a real Problem!

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