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What has happened to C-SPAN - I think our local cable co. CASS
CABLE has cancelled it, with out telling us !!!
I want to know why C-SPAN isn't ON ANY LONGER !!

Secondly I tried to get a new copy of you Senators and
Representative and was told it no longer was available - What
the HELL is going in this Country ???

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Subsidized Idleness Is Harming America

PALO ALTO, Calif.

Why is it common to encounter beggars on the streets of Venice, Calif., but not on the streets of the original Venice in Italy? Perhaps the Italian public is more realistic than the American public and is unwilling to support an army of parasites on its streets.

If the widespread social degeneration in the United States is going to be turned around, one of the first signs may be seen when people stop giving their hard-earned cash to those who refuse to earn their own.

Poverty is one of the magic words used to open wallets and to open the doors of the U.S. Treasury. The tragic irony is that little of this money reaches genuinely poor people. As of 1980, according to economist Herbert Stein, 80 percent of federal benefits went to people who would have been above the poverty line, even without these benefits.

Farm subsidies go to people whose assets exceed a million dollars. And there are no means tests for government largess to people in the shipping industry, the sugar industry or many other sectors of the economy.

Perhaps what we need is a constitutional amendment stating that no one whose income or wealth is above the national average should be eligible to receive government transfer payments. That would probably reduce the federal deficit by billions of dollars more than any of the proposals currently before Congress.

If universal government health insurance is created, that will mean — among other things — that taxpayers will pay for health insurance coverage for literally millions of individuals in families earning \$50,000 a year and up and who currently do not choose to spend their own money to buy health insurance.

Largess does not end at the water's edge. One of the hallmarks of membership in the morally anointed is to be in favor of so-called foreign aid. This is seldom based on any factual evaluation of costs and benefits. Peter Bauer of the London School of Economics is perhaps the best known of a number of economists who have studied foreign aid for years and concluded that it is often a hindrance rather than an aid, at least for the masses of the people in poor countries.

Often foreign aid promotes still more suffocating government economic controls in Third World countries that need all the freedom and prosperity they can get. Subsidized idleness produces nothing but degeneracy and crime. The money handed out to beggars is an installment payment on the continued social decline of American society.

Those who produce, but who receive subsidies for their production, are escaping the crucial test of the marketplace — whether the value of what they are using up is greater than the value of the output resulting from it. If so, then the producers do not need government subsidies. And if not, then the subsidies are simply encouraging waste.

Quite aside from the economic arguments against artificially separating the production of goods from their distribution, there is the moral question whether the average, hard-working, law-abiding person is to be treated as a cow to be milked for the benefit of others.

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OTHER OPINION

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Daily News

Democrats will now encourage socialist policies

CLOVIS, N.M. — Have the American people had enough yet?

The major news media really did a mind game on all Americans during this year's presidential campaign. We Americans now have no major broadcasting station that is not being run by liberals.

The only completely democratic, informative station to be found on cable television is C-SPAN. C-SPAN commentators do not try to brainwash their viewers with their own liberal beliefs. C-SPAN's growing popularity must surely scare these major news stations: CBS (Clinton Broadcasting Station), ABC (Association of Broadcasters for Clinton), NBC (National Broadcasters of Clinton) and CNN (Clinton's National Network). A bit of humor there, but undeniably true.

These news networks, with the help of the "liberal" entertainment crowd and Hollywood, had one goal: to sell their propaganda with feverish conviction. For a year we were told by these "non-biased professionals" that the economy is terrible and getting worse daily. Two days after Clinton was elected, there

Clinton being elected was very important to these "liberals." The socialist programs that have been passed by a few powerful liberal Democrats in Congress were at risk. They felt that the socialist programs that it took them 50 years to implement were being threatened by a too-conservative president. Any bills that had a socialist overtone were vetoed, and to make things worse, the president was suggesting real freedom to the American people.

One idea was to give our children back to the parents. That would surely give too much power to the parents to raise and form their own children's minds instead of the state. The state public schools had for many, many years taken every child at age 6 through age 18 to be shaped and molded without any, or very little, guidance. How much parenting can one do a few hours a day for 18 years. The schools have become our children's family, void of any moral teachings or personal love and caring.

I can assure you there will be no gridlock

in Washington now. The American people no longer have a watchdog president to veto disastrous bills.

Also, there is legislation right now being held in committee (until Clinton was elected) where then it will be brought to the floor of Congress. A top official of Clinton's Board of Education was interviewed by C-SPAN just before the election. He stated that there is a bill in Congress that will mandate the public schools to teach our young children that any homosexual feelings they may have are perfectly normal. This teaching is completely against any American who is a believer in God's holy Bible, which clearly states that homosexuals are an abomination in the sight of God. Anyone who promotes legislation to teach our children this is not a believer in God, not matter what they say verbally.

I do believe that all Americans have the right to live their lives as they want, but they do not have the right to demand all others believe and accept their lifestyle. We must wake up and become informed and as outspoken as

these liberals are before all of our freedoms and rights of religion are extinguished.

One other very important reason to get a "puppet" president into office was the abortion question. The liberals were losing ground on the Supreme Court. Another four years of Bush would have put one more conservative judge on the Supreme Court who would have supported the U.S. Constitution guarantee of the right to life and liberty to all Americans! Where then does any woman have the right to destroy a citizen's life for her own convenience? There is no difference between a child growing and living inside a woman than growing and living outside a woman. The Constitution protects the right to life for all and no one has the right to dispose of or mistreat anyone strong, weak or totally helpless.

Wake up, America! If you cherish your freedoms that our sons and daughters have fought and died for, then stop believing communism is no longer a threat. It is alive and well in America!

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were special meetings about their great accomplishment (shown fully on C-SPAN) where a CNN spokesman made a statement that the economy was in an upswing, then caught himself in a distortion of the fact that for the last five days, he had been publicly saying the opposite. He regained his composure by saying, "That's just politics."

Wrong! That's deliberately misleading millions of Americans who depend on the news media for important information concerning their future! Factual, not politically-slanted, information should be demanded by Americans.

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