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Dear Mr. Lamm:

Kudos to C-SPAN for hosting the Tuskegee
Airmen this morning.

Men of honor and men of valor, they focused
on responsibility, duty, love of country and education.
At no time did they resort to finger pointing, blame,
past wrongs, etc. Respect, they said, was earned.
It is so reassuring to see men of principle.

Here in the New York City area, we have the Rev. Al
Sharpton, who focuses on the wrongs of the past, and
encourages anger, discontent, and feelings of entitlement.
His clientele seldom recognize or utilize opportunity.
They are bogged down, beholden to politicians who "give"
to them in order to be re-elected by a grateful constituency.

In the 1940's, a large group of black men aspired
to "professional" status and earned respect through their
expertise. By their actions and love of a country that
had relegated them to second-class status, they did
more for racial acceptance than the so-called black
leaders of today.

It hurt me to hear Col. Mc Guire say that, in the
1950's, when he was ready for the airlines, they were not
ready for him. But because of him and his peers, we
have a black Supreme Court Justice, black Cabinet members,
etc. The "still angry" call them Uncle Toms. I call them
principled. Men like them make society color-blind. WS
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It was a revelation to me that so many well-educated, well-spoken black people were so visible during the Thomas-Hill hearings, on both sides.

If left to mainstream media, only the Sharpton entourage would be featured and known to the public.

Let me switch to another subject. Too often, C-SPAN guests are predictable. That is to say, I hear the name and I could write the script. Anyone connected to Congress falls into this category.

I do acknowledge an overhanded selection of guests on the same show, though, and I commend you for it.

I continue to rue the compartmentalization of your audience. Today, Steven identified callers as "Conservative, Moderate, Liberal," while the graphics showed phone numbers for "Republican, Democrat, Others." Do you see a problem with this? Can a Democrat be conservative?

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Sincerely,

