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Dear C-Spann:

I've been watching your call in show in the morning. My idea is to allow a discussion to take place between the caller and the answerer. The caller makes his or her statement first and the answerer makes their statement, and thats it. It seems to allow though for the answerer not to answer the question. There is no debate. I think it would be more educational, entertaining and fair if the discussion went on until it is ended mostly by mutual consent. If the caller or the answerer got out of hand, and started to infringe on each others rights than maybe the call should be ended. I think it would be very interesting to have a debate and if each side starts screaming or using profanity than the call should be disconnected. I can just see the caller hanging up and saying gee their sort of avoiding the issue here, or not really answering the question, and the answerers always have the last say, and they seem to win every time. This puts a negative thought in the callers mind where there is a loss of credibility. If the discussion were allowed to go on maybe there could be more understanding on both sides, and more important information gained which would be beneficial to every one. Maybe I'm wrong on some issues and maybe the other person is wrong on some issues, but if we discuss it over a period of time maybe I can see my errors and the other side to. The experts aren't right 100% of the time or maybe even 50% of the time, about the same as the man on the street. I think the callers have alot to say and seem very smart and I think alot of us think it is worth the time to hear more of what they have to say.

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