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C-Span
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Gentlemen:

Being on vacation and semi-retired, I have more time to watch TV and I find that I enjoy C-Span more than any other show.

Having eclectic interests, your varied menu is very satisfying. However, some guests and callers abuse C-SPAN to spew propaganda that is patently un-American, racist or false without being challenged by the hosts, who are highly intelligent and knowledgeable, and must know they are lying.

I DON'T favor censorship. Even persons with histories of mass dishonesty must not be denied free speech within legal limits. But C-Span, which is impartial to a fault, doesn't have to provide a world platform to spread known distortions of fact or lies. Unless lies are challenged at once, C-Span lends credence to them. The old saw, "Give them enough rope and they'll hang themselves." no longer works. Professional mind benders and the magic of TV, have raised "Willie Horton-ism" to a fine art.

TV has added a new dimension to lying and acting. Politicians spend more time and money learning from drama coaches, than what government should be about. And a public that learned ethics from movies, soaps or a morally bankrupt leadership from all areas of living, does not have the knowledge or will to reject instant gratification for long term good.

One need only see the long lines waiting to buy tickets for "droids" movies that escape real world problems, contact "sports" where the object is to maul an opponent, or a rock concert that is creating a nation of deaf and dumb spectators, to understand why our country is collapsing like a house of cards- -credit cards. Our priorities are all mixed up!

If management wants to passively let bigots and rogues spread their venom, the least change should be to add disclaimers before, during, and after the broadcast. However, even if everything remains as is, C-span is still the best show for the thinking person.

I'd like to buy a transcript of the Heritage Foundation show broadcast on August 13. I missed some of it due to the levity of the speakers and subsequent laughter. Jack Kemp could make a fortune as a stand-up comedian, however, I'd like to see him take another shot at the presidency.

Sincerely,

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