

August 23, 1993

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REF: VIEWER CALL-IN: August 23, 1993
Guests: Patrick Buchanan
Christopher Hitchens

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Please know that you, and the other hosts, at C-SPAN are greatly appreciated. I find that all your guests, whatever their persuasion or opinion have increased my knowledge and understanding of the operation of politics *as usual* in Washington D.C. and the varying effects which radiate throughout the country. I am convinced that any thoughtful person may discern and analyze opinion and come to their own conclusions whether they may agree or disagree with the commentary.

The one gentleman caller from Federal Way, Washington* who totally berated you as not being "fair" and insisted that you keep balance only symbolizes a serious concern I have. Many Americans today want to be *spoon-fed* the answers, do not want to be challenged in thought or in life, do not want to develop their own opinions. Out of this need to be told what to think and told what to do has developed a segment of our society which has become vulnerable to the "spin" control, blatant management and manipulation of the media which as you said you cover so well each time the White House rhetoric is spewed onto the airways.

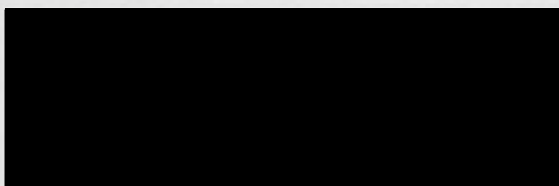
With this continued use of the "bully pulpit" by the current administration, it is impossible to keep balance and I agree whole-heartedly with Christopher Hitchens that "balance is a ludicrous concept"....."there should be argument."

Recently in the article: *What's Love Got to Do With It* (Vanity Fair - September, 1993) Hitchens coined the phrase: "the politics of moaning", in rather a different context, however, the

above caller and his complaint exemplifies just that!

Generally. I'm gratified at the numbers of listeners/callers who demonstrate reasoned and thoughtful involvement as citizens of this country. It is a hopeful sign that there is concern and activity out here in the *grassroots*!

Sincerely,

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*...who said: "Give Robert Dole his real title.....", "You say you're striving for balance.....", "...parity to minority leaders right now.....:

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