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I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE--

ABSTRACT: One becomes a participant^{V/N} social, economic, and political issues by watching C-SPAN much the same as an addict to "soap operas" become involved in the personal problems displayed by the "soaps". The C-SPAN involvement is real, not fantasy.

I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE by doing so I become a participant and a part of the real world. Being a part of the real world means absorbing and recognizing those things that I agree with and disagree with and the various shades that lie in between. By absolving myself, to the greatest extent possible, of my biases I am able to make judgements based common sense and realities.

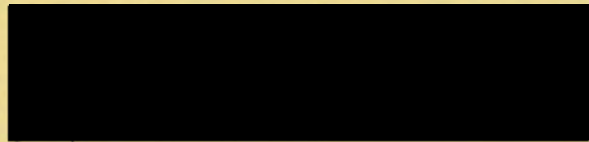
In my opinion C-SPAN is not biased in its coverage of the social, economic, political, and other issues of the day. Those who come down on C-SPAN, TV in general, the print media, and other media as being left/right oriented are letting their own prejudices blind them, thus rendering themselves incapable of seeing things as they really are. Many of the participants on C-SPAN's call-in programs attest to this fact.

I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE of the values handed down to me through generations of pioneer stock that demands adherence to a fairness code. By and large I believe this is the reason that most of the present and past generations chose our Nation to be theirs. Unfortunately, too many have circumvented the fairness issue at the expense of our democratic processes.

The physical frontiers ^{OF} the United States have vanished, but there are other frontiers open or can be opened. C-SPAN is one of these frontiers. I am not a product of academia or the business and commercial world. I am the product of a hills and mountains mother and a father from the swamp, bayou, and river bottom country. From this background C-SPAN enables me to set in concert with all manner of people and partake of a system that encompasses a multitude of people regardless of their place in life.

I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE as a retired person I can gather much information that is vital to the well being of the elderly, and less fortunate who may not have the luxury of a TV set, access to cable viewing or who, through no fault of their own, may not have the faculties or education to grasp the importance of such issues. Because I work with these people I can act as an extension or surrogate on C-SPAN programming.

I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE it increases my tolerance on ideas that are contrary to my own and at the same time fortify my confidence in my ability to make judgements that are fair and just when I base them on C-SPAN's parade of facts and programs of varied opinions.



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