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*of those acting via electronic means, public affairs-wise. PBS is second.

Friends:

Now that it is no longer seriously arguable that (1) you are the best of the squalid lot* by far; and, (2) you have helped end the sucrrilous dominance of the Troika (Black Rock, 30 Rock and Little Rock), newswise, with your marvelously open format, I nonetheless must add two concepts, which will undoubtedly not be heeded. No matter.

These good people who call in amaze me. To pay such amounts of money just to be heard, and cast a small bit of ~~money~~^{FOOD} into the cooker---is---well, astounding on several counts. Put another way: have we come to the point whereby the broadcasting enclave in the last ^{truly} free place in the world (rapidly diminishing, to be sure), on balance, can so squash access rights to our property that the toadying and fawning and---no, wrong words---consummate, heartfelt thanks are proffered up almost every time someone gets in. And, to keep trying (without auto dialers) is some kind of testimonial in itself! You must address this in time, no matter whose toes are stepped on. We realize the limitations of your power to offend the harlots of cable. Nevertheless, ~~is it~~, some enterprising reporter somewhere (print) will do a goodly piece on why we are being so screwed on our own property---and LIKING IT!! It is that far down the john.

Access is accountability. Just one little old lady from Mississippi says more than all the well-coiffed fools you can muster on Fridays (some exceptions). That leads to point 2.

You are but a conduit for the Wash. Post, gang. Count the appearances. Do not tell me that there are no available counter-weights to the doctrinaire leftists you invariably use. Furthermore, you seem to think (as you must not reveal) that there is no such thing as a lousy journalist. By that I mean that, by using the same old faces again and again, you have underwritten ^{that} what is empirically established (Lichters & Rothman, for three) is not operational, ie, ideology does affect output. We know that a John Lofton will be slanting his words. Fine. I accept it from any Time or Newsweek scribe as well. You do not keep an even keel.

I can see where differing folks think you are tilted in diametrically opposite directions, partisanwise. (contd)

2. C-SPAN & Some Hoped For Changes (unlikely)

Big Media is clearly pro-Clinton. But, the bottom line in all electronic endeavors is profit; ergo, the conservative reluctance to go after, say, GM, for its horrendous role in all but demolishing the native auto industry. The dichotomy.

We are bedeviled from both ~~#####~~ directions, yet, the picture we get daily is a mainline media of the air obviously in a feeding frenzy. Frankly, as a Libertarian, I hope the Slick One triumphs. Bush does not deserve another day in high office. The country may not deserve Clinton, but, we deserve what we get, and vice versa. It may also signal the end of the 2-party horror bringing us so low. If that means a divided ruling oversight as in Europe~~#~~, so be it.

B. Lamb's vision was overdue. My initial tune-in was one of sheer disgust, however, as I watched the mewlings of Ms. ~~####~~ Swain to B. Lautman of HCI, Inc. For a full hour. Without any balancing from any of the nearby pro-Second Amendment outfits, either. Tell me that is not one-sided. It stood; but, was topped by allowing anti-gun demagogues like L. Smith of Fla. (soon to retire for full-fledged dishonesty, it seems) to pander while the Brady Bill was pending. Sorry, but that dog-and-pony show (using one's hubby for a midway attraction? Gimme a break) won't pass something rendered moot by LA. You have used IPS a lot, most offensively in a "Booknotes" fiasco by a Jane Fonda co-founder (he went to Hanoi, did you know?)*. Yes, Dr. Paul Blackman got to appear in a CLOSE-UP bit once. Yet, that moderator clearly favored the anti-gun side with kids in another episode. The litmus test for anyone is allowing the hated foe equal time and space. You still fail that quiz on the oldest verity, self-defense.

And, how about women and rape? Never mind. The mindset-impasse/cultural block is just too great, the chasm too wide.

My apologies for a letter that should not have been done
Sometimes there is hope....

*did it not cross your minds that NRA has more members than HCI?

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you like to give backgrounds; why not ask Barnett about his hate speeches from Hanoi while our soldiers were suffering? Best not. You will be dragooned from your luncheon group instant if not sooner. And execrated permanently from their company.

NOTE: a program on broadcast reform en toto would be impossible.

OVER 10-12 YEARS AGO.

Encl:

addendum:

Using selected letters, or portions, might be useful; although, I'm sure the same inside-the-beltway mentality rules, viz., only docile or misedited missive, would be afforded exposure.

A contest to get free airtime? Naw, too iffy. Breeds resentment, too.

You might get next to these scoundrels of cabldom who fund you, in order to impress on them just how near the republic is to some kind of massive reform from a discontented polity. If no fiber optics soon (real comp), then the die will be cast to something draconian, I'm sure. And, my background has the expertise to predict it with certainty.

Robber baronny goes just so far and is then overthrown, precisely as has been countless other authoritarian adventures(Film studios, '48).

I wish to live to see it. But, judging by how brainwashed the electorate is (on media matters), I will not count the days. Besides, the opium is now C-SPAN. Like skin lotion on melanoma, the time will be diminishing.

