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Dear Mr. Lamb,

I am a "long time" fan of C-SPAN. Having retired, I probably see more of your programs than most of the U.S. population. It is seldom that I miss the Morning Journal, which I find delightful for the most part. On occasions I get very exercised over a journalist or a call in, which moves me to try a fax to the program.

Your organization is to be commended ad infinitum. Never has there been a better source of information and the opportunity to experience so much first hand without the interposition of the usually biased news purveyors. No group could be more objective or fair than you and your "anchors." In all of these years, I have no idea what your political leanings might be, nor any inkling of what Susan, Bruce, Connie etc. think.

I am appalled at those who call in and accuse you of being unfair or failing to present a fair and creditable balance in what you cover.

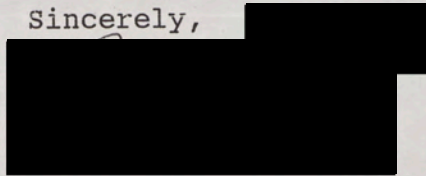
I have several comments about Journalist in general. By far the majority are among the most ignorant people in our ambience, who have the opportunity to impose their views on the rest of us. Their deficiencies are clear! They have very little knowledge of History, Economics, Hard Sciences, and the probability of not even being able to spell the word Philosophy, much less familiarity with the great ideas of mankind since the record began.

These people would not get into trouble if they confined themselves to their observations, report those with accuracy and avoid the almost inevitable slant. We get the likes of Eleanor Cliff, Sam Donaldson, Molly Ivans etc. Could anyone

be mindful at all of the opinion from one of these. One would do as well consulting a diligent student with an IQ of 75. I frequently wonder at the value of the schools of journalism which teach little more than "how to write". Then what is there to write about with so little real education, or understanding?

We are in your debt for the magnificent creation and management of C-SPAN. I know that you will listen and profit from the comments made to you whether critical or laudatory. However, do not allow them to offend your ego. You and your group do an excellent job of great value to all of us.

Sincerely,

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