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I watch "C-SPAN"  
because the successful American  
is the aware American.  
Competition in this great  
country of ours is increasing  
as technology continues to  
increase. Washington D.C.  
is the "center of gravity"  
of the entire nation. C-SPAN  
originates in the nation's  
capital. Therefore it is  
essential to me to watch  
the only cable station  
that comes from the nation's  
capital.

Also, I find television to  
be the most effective  
medium by far. Having  
been fortunate enough to  
graduate both a four  
year university as well as

graduating law school [I  
have a Doctorate in  
Jurisprudence as well as a  
B.A. in History] I consider  
myself to be much better  
read than the average  
American ["Newsweek", Time,  
Fortune, magazines are  
delivered to my home  
every week]. However,  
reading about a Congressional  
Hearing does not compare to  
watching the actual  
proceeding on wonderful  
C-SPAN.

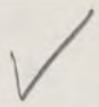
Senator Bill Bradley  
has been a hero for me  
for twenty years. I  
followed his basketball  
career from high school  
through Princeton and a  
wonderful professional career  
with the New York Knicks.

You can believe it,  
when I say with  
tremendous gratitude that  
I learn a tremendous  
amount by actually  
watching Senator Bill Bradley  
on C-Span Reading about  
the senator in a national  
magazine, does not in any  
way compare to watching  
the senator on "C-SPAN".  
In a national magazine, I  
can only receive an author's  
distorted view of senator  
Bill Bradley. C-Span  
affords me the unique  
opportunity to listen to  
Senator Bill Bradley  
speak at length. If C-Span  
did not exist the most  
exposure that the average  
American would receive of  
Senator Bill Bradley, Senator

Led Kennedy, Senator Jack  
Femp or the other, charismatic  
U.S. Senators) would be a  
five or ten second flash  
on the 6:00 PM news.

I am presently watching  
the Heritage Foundation  
discussion on U.S. - Korean  
relations. The speaker's  
easy, informal tone is  
greatly informative. If C-Span  
did not exist, the average  
person would only be  
exposed to highly political  
discussions which are merely  
geared to "win votes." There  
is no objectivity to these  
shallow discussions, especially  
on national television.  
People are NOT Campaigning  
on C-SPAN. Rather, the  
speakers objectively (in  
the present discussion

Contrasting the U.S. relations  
with Korea from the  
Eisenhower era up through  
the Carter and Reagan  
Administration. Typically, I  
merely had a shallow  
idea of the Korean War.  
Now I am aware of  
the internal causes in  
Korea that have evolved  
in the past 20 years.  
I find it a handicap  
to try and praise C-Span  
in "merely" 500 words or  
less. I could write a  
thesis on what watching  
C-Span means to my  
growth as a thinking person.  
"Meet the Press" is  
possibly the ONLY program  
on national television [it  
now sadly discontinued]  
that even remotely compares to



# C-Span

Very frankly, there is NOTHING (on either national television, or the other cable stations) that present the average viewer with an opportunity to actually hear Congressional hearings, or to actually be a part of a wonderful informal chat on United States relations with foreign countries (such as Korea or Nicaragua or the ever important Middle East or any of the other areas in the world where democracy is being challenged).

Frankly, to be a thinking American here and now is to have a dire need for C-SPAN. There is very definitely no other

place on television for  
the average American to  
go to get their education.  
C-SPAN is a must to  
be. It is irreplaceable.  
If Channel 4 were to go  
off the air - channels 7 or  
100 would suffice. One would  
hardly even miss one of  
the major networks  
collapsing. If C-SPAN  
were removed, there is  
simply NO OTHER place  
on television to go to  
observe Congressional  
discussions, or to get to  
the "heart" of campaign  
politics. C-SPAN is very  
simply standing ALONE -  
in an informative class  
by itself - alone at the  
top of the political  
mountain. For the sake of

the average American's  
pursuit of national or  
international events ---  
LONG LIVE C-SPAN!

THANK YOU -  
SINCERELY,

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P.S. Oil for example is  
probably the greatest  
economic issue of the 1980's  
C-Span is the ONLY  
medium to clearly define the  
position of the U.S. Congress  
(as well as public policy)  
the attitude of the Saudis  
the Soviets, as well as  
the African point of view. GOD BLESS  
C-SPAN!