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Dear Brian-

Thanks to you and CSPAN for terrific coverage of all kinds of issues, including, but not limited to American government. If I was a teacher, I'd use your programs or tapes of them to illustrate such workings to my students. I've been bugging my boss (who is also an information junkie) to get cable, and thus C-SPAN, which he says he will do, once he moves into his new house. He is "stuck" with PBS, as his only legitimate source of news/information, or NPR at work.

First I apologize for not writing sooner, especially to compliment you on the New York Times Magazine piece about you and C-SPAN. It was well done, and illustrated what we viewers like about you and C-SPAN.

My favorite segments of C-SPAN are the Monday/Friday at 8:00 am segments. The roundtables, if well-balanced, are terrific sources of information, notwithstanding your cross-section of newspaper/news magazine stories about various issues. Booknotes programs are also terrific.

C-SPAN's strength (now that you've been satirized on Saturday Live, you know you're legit) is it's unobtrusive look at any event-the fly on the wall perspective-which is really revealing. Thanks again.

I am a 45 year old, thrice-married, Vietnam vet, recovering alcoholic, inactive lawyer, registered Republican, working for a small private business, as a computer operator; originally coming from Nassau County, NY, moving to Ohio after my Nam tour, to go to college, and then law school. (I was amazed at how many East Coast transplants there are here in Columbus/Central Ohio-it's almost like San Francisco East).

All this background is just to let you know what a viewer "looks" like. I am real disgusted with Network "news", even CNN, which has such promise, but has this awful left-wing hand-wringing bias, doesn't get it. ("get" meaning make it or qualify). C-SPAN gets it and GETS it (meaning is hip to it). During the Gulf war, C-SPAN had some terrific coverage, without a lot of political BS, you let the facts speak for themselves.

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I am supporting Ross Perot for President. I got a kick out of the reactions to the Al Gore pick on the tube this morning, even on your show. (Don't forget the British polls before their recent elections, Major will lose by a landslide, etc., ad nauseum, it reminded me of the Truman/Dewey prognostications-I think this year will turn out the same way.) The caller this morning, who talked about the 15,000 responses to the PRODIGY poll, with 63 % going to Perot is probably right on. I don't own a modem or use computer bulletin boards (yet), but have owned a PC for 5 years, so I get/read computer periodicals, newspapers, etc., and if nothing else Perot "knows" computers/the computing arena (George Bush doesn't realize how scanners are used in a supermarket-this is 1992) and the potential of such enfranchisement.

I really want to see the beltway picked up by the scruff of the neck and shaken-the real bad guys are the huge unchecked executive bureaucracy, and the lobbyists/special interest groups, who appear to have the Congressional/Executive ear. Perot is no virgin to that whole system, but realizes the inherent dangers in it (I think), wherein America's best interests never get considered, and only parochial or State/Regional interests do get considered. Note the reactions to the defense base closings/personnel cutbacks !!

I spoke to my 49 year old sister, who lives in the Eastern panhandle of West Virginia, this week-end. She's a life-long Democrat, single-mom, Anti-War, and she out of the blue said she was going to vote for Perot. You're panelist this morning who said the common denominator is anger was right on target. I don't remember this much discontent in the late '60's, it's even struck me how close to civil war we may be, again, if Bush wins.

Anyhow, thanks for all you're doing, keep it up, and best wishes to C-SPAN and you.

Sincerely, ✓


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