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Dear Mr. Lamb:

As a sufferer of stage-fright, I would like to submit my comments and concerns about NAFTA and touch on a few other issues.

To begin with, today on your Journalist Roundtable a woman asked what specifically would workers who lose their jobs to NAFTA be re-trained for. It has been implied by proponents of NAFTA that Mexico would get our unskilled jobs while the US would increase its number of high-tech jobs. My question is, what type of high-tech job is our 90 million illiterate adults going to be trained to do?

The proponents of NAFTA also say that jobs will certainly be lost in the short-run, but in the long run jobs will be created. In the meantime how many people will lose their homes, cars, and drain their savings accounts. How many lives will be ruined? How can a person ever hope to regain these lost assets in his or her lifetime. Just as decided prior to a military battle, has the proponents of NAFTA OK'd what they consider to be an acceptable amount of casualties?

You seem to want to know why the people are against NAFTA. At the very base of my distrust for NAFTA is the fact that George Bush was behind the creation of NAFTA. I voted for George Bush in his first election even though I could not stand the man. I just felt he was the better of two evils. I despise George Bush. The reason is that I feel that this man has total disregard for the American people. I feel he was too secretive in his government dealings. I feel he has ulterior motives for personal gain in all of his dealings. He is a one-worlder with no particular loyalty towards any one people let alone the citizens of the US. I can remember a statement he made to Barbara Walters during an interview. She asked him about abortion. He said he was against abortion. She said, but most of the people are for pro-choice. He said, "I don't care what the majority of the people want, I'm going to do what my conscious tells me to do." I think this shows a complete disdain towards the people he was

elected to represent. Also, what about his sons who were involved in the S&L scandal and his recent dealings in Kuwait? I think any agreement Bush was involved in should be held suspect.

I believe that President Clinton, who I feel was quite sincere in his desire to reinvent government, has been forced to go along with NAFTA to appease Robert Dole and Phil Graham in order to get their cooperation in passing a health care plan. I think the Republican filibuster early in Clinton's presidency proved that the Republicans can create havoc. I believe Clinton has made a trade-off with the leading Republicans.

I am not always tuned in to C-Span, but so far I have not heard one pro-NAFTA politician or journalist who has been asked if he or she has read the NAFTA agreement say that they have done so. It seems to me that more opponents of NAFTA have actually read this agreement. Who would you have a tendency to believe?

Proponents of NAFTA, in their answers to people's questions regarding loss of jobs to Mexico, state that -- we have and will continue to lose jobs to Mexico regardless of the NAFTA treaty. To this I say -- Business has moved to Mexico for cheap labor and the icing on this cake would be lower tariffs back into the US market. Also NAFTA will open up the rest of Mexico for manufacturing. Then a manufacturer can produce its goods in a convenient location facilitating the sale of these goods to South American countries. I distinctly heard George Bush state during last year's presidential campaign that -- not only will NAFTA help the United States and Mexico, it will also help Chile. (Did I miss something in geography class? Or has Chile recently become part of North America? NAFTA stands for North American Free Trade Agreement.) Who then will need US consumers? NAFTA will open up a market all the way down to the tip of South America. Big business has no loyalty to the people of the United States. This has been made more than obvious in the last twelve years.

I would like to give you my voting background. I was not old enough to vote in 1968, but did vote for Richard Nixon in his next election. Voted for Ford. Voted for Ronald Reagan, once. Didn't bother to vote in 1984 because I just couldn't bring myself to vote for a Democrat at that time. As I said above, I voted for George Bush, once. And in this last election I voted for Clinton, who I really liked. I did not at any time even consider Perot. I don't trust him. I do like his stirring up a little trouble for the two main parties though.

I would also like to predict for you how I will be voting in future elections. I will never again vote for a Republican until I am sure that not one religious-right politician remains in that party. In one breath the Republican party speaks about getting government off people's backs and in the other breath they are trying to shove the Ten Commandments down my throat, force

creationism to be taught in public schools, snoop into people's personal lives and make personal decisions for us.

In closing, I wish you would allow your callers an opportunity to a rebuttal after one of your guests makes a comment. Your guests should occasionally be put on the spot for their responses. Stop protecting your guests by not allowing callers to respond to your guests' responses.

Sincerely,


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