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Via Facsimile: (202) 737-3323

Mr. Brian Lamb
Chairman - CSpan
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Lamb:

I was dismayed to read the AP story in Tuesday morning's paper that CSpan is going to be rationing calls based upon whether or not callers are "pro-Clinton" or "anti-Clinton."

I was even more dismayed when I called CSpan early Tuesday morning to confirm whether the story was true or not, and I was told that the AP report was absolutely incorrect and that CSpan would not be limiting or regulating calls based upon a caller's viewpoint.

A subsequent telephone call lead me to another spokesman who admitted, reluctantly, that CSpan has implemented a policy of limiting phone calls based upon whether the caller is a Democrat, a Republican or "other."

I have watched CSpan for a number of years and always admired its objectivity and impartiality. Your programs have heretofore been unique in that it does not appear that you have sought to restrict or limit public opinion in any way, and have remained, at least until now, even handed and impartial, both in terms of the guests you have on your programs as well as the freedom of people to call in and speak their minds.

Unfortunately, it now appears CSpan has abandoned its integrity and has subscribed to the editorial policies of the major networks.

Finally, I was sorry to see the following condescending quote attributed to you:

"Some people began to take it that this is their little play toy and this show belongs to them, that if they got up earlier and worked harder to get on, they deserved to dominate it ... it got to be so dominating on one side that it wasn't even interesting."

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Mr. Brian Lamb

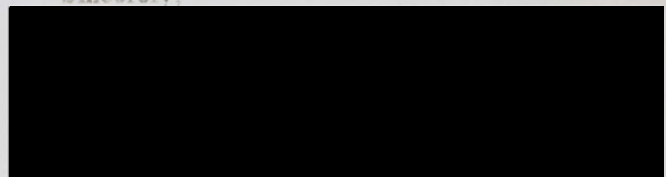
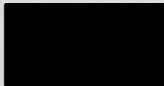
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For years, I have been listening to you and others brag that CSpan was a journal of public opinion to which the public was invited to freely participate without regard to whether they were pro- or anti-Clinton, Republican, Democrat, or "other." Your show was interesting because of the free flow of information and ideas apparently unrestricted by some screeners' bias as to whether too many callers of one particular point of view had been allowed on the air.

I urge you to abandon this pernicious policy and try to restore CSpan as the media journal of public opinion it once was.

Sincerely,

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