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Dear Mr. Lamb:

While I was pleased to see your coverage of the Lesbian and Gay March on Washington, any euphoria I felt was completely quashed by the recent anti-gay forum held on Monday, May 17 (and repeated incessantly during the week), by a number of organizations, including Family Research Institute, Accuracy in Media and Ex-Gay Ministries.

I realize that as a gay man it is difficult to be objective, but I urge you not to discount my comments simply because I am opposed to these groups' viewpoints. I welcome reasonable discussion of the problems of gays in this country. While I disagree with many of the opinions expressed during the Senate hearings on gays in the military, at least the discussion is thoughtful and respectful of the thousands of men and women involved.

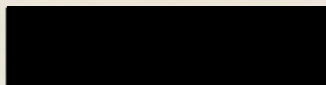
What offended me during the May 17 program was the tone of the presentation, which included a large amount of snickering and "fag-jokes" in addition to distorted and often blatantly false information, including a "content analysis" of the Advocate which focused exclusively on the *personal ads*, which aren't even a part of that magazine anymore!

Why is it that anti-black and anti-Semitic statements are considered racist, while blatantly homophobic hate-mongering is considered "balance"? I urge you to look more carefully at events you cover, both for their hate content and their factual basis. If you wouldn't cover a Klan rally, which clearly misrepresents the reality of black life in America, why cover a display of gay-bashing and bigotry such as this? And why repeat it endlessly? I ran into at least six repeats during the week; I couldn't escape the damn thing! Each time it was painful and demeaning to watch even a few minutes. (I only saw one repeat of the March.)

While I'm sure you were under a lot of heat to "balance" our call for civil rights with calls for continued discrimination, at least air a sober, factual, reasoned forum. I welcome critiques of lesbians and gays in America (believe me, we have our fair share of problems), but not this kind of warped, hateful meanness.

C'mon, C-SPAN, be fair.

Sincerely,
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