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Mr Brian Lamb:

I watched your interview with Mr. "Tip" O'Neill on November 15, 1992. Although a strong Republican myself, I found Mr. O'Neill a very personable man and much enjoyed your interview with him. There was, however a great opportunity in the interview to really press ^{him} on a conflict in his social versus political beliefs that you did not take. In the interview, he mentioned that he hardly watched any popular TV anymore because of the strong sexual and violent content of that medium. It seemed less than

ten minutes later that he was criticizing the "extreme" nature of the Republican convention as leading to President Bush's recent defeat. I would have thought you would have pressed Mr O'Neill on the discrepancy in his thinking.

The entire thrust of the Republican convention was on family values and on attacking those (particularly in the popular TV media) whose trend in programming is at an ever-lower moral value. How would Mr O'Neill explain that those people who program the TV shows he finds objectionable are probably the overwhelmingly Democratic group of people in America? I would have thought you might have questioned why he is an active member of a Political Party so eagerly supported by those who are eroding the moral standards that Mr O'Neill still upholds.

I suspect that you may not have wanted to refrain from questioning him to appear not ~~to~~ to be overtly hostile. If that was the case, then I,

in all seriousness, would suggest you schedule a special program with Pat Buchanan to interview, or simply discuss with Mr O'Neill their common religious beliefs and (I presume) similar background and heritage versus the divergent political paths their lives have taken. I think Pat would be very adept at exploring the political divide between them that represents, more and more, the divisions between Americans.

Finally, I wish to commend you in your interviews. I find you very fair and unbiased in your show. Also, I find CSPAN is a great national asset - it presents fairly both sides of current American political thought without "filters", "interpretation" or editing. Thank you for your great public service.

Sincerely yours,
