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Dear C-Span:

I can not tell you how very much we appreciate your coverage of both Conventions, Democrat and Republican! Before I was 16 I thought, "if it is written, it must be so!" Or "if it was reported (on radio) it must be so!" I was young enough, naive enough, that I respected the media as honorable, fair, truthful and factual!! Life would be so simple if that, in fact were true.

Unfortunately, I grew up and they started reporting on subjects on which I had first hand knowledge. That was perhaps the saddest day of my life, for I no longer felt I had any credible source of information.

Although you covered both conventions without bias I still know I don't have the facts as both parties just spoon feed us what they want us to hear at least we were able, for the first time since I can remember, to hear all they said without remarks being taken out

of context and without reporters trying to tell me their slanted view of what was said.

You removed most of the pollution from the process. We are truly grateful. It was like a breath of fresh air. Politics at best, is dirty business but I prefer to hang a guy for what he said not for what someone else tells me he said!

I wish all news would come to us in this manner. I get so fed up with the news media attempting to sensationalize the non sensational and slanting things either to the far left or far right.

All admit, I have little formal education, far less than most journalist but I'm not as stupid as they seem to think I am either. They must think they are writing for a group of ignorant people who are mindless or too lazy to question the validity of what they put out there as fact.

I realize their editors give them time, or space curtailments and it is difficult to develop a factual story with these curtailments. However, since they know many people accept what they write or report I wish they were a bit more responsible and regarded the power their pens hold and acted with more diligence.

Perhaps, as they say, we get the government we deserve and this may also apply to the media

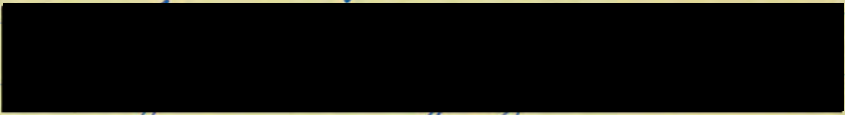
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I know from people around me that everyone does not share my lofty ideals. They would rather accept what's reported as fact and not bother about questioning it? Perhaps, it's I who is out of step. Yet, from listening to many of your callers I'm not alone in my thoughts.

We do have 1st Amendment rights but I feel when these were ~~not~~ guaranteed I believe it was at least implied that news reporters were honor bound to report as fairly and accurately as possible unless they acknowledged that they were editorializing.

Be all this as it may, I and my family appreciate having the opportunity to watch the process of conventions and determine for my self what was said. I will chew on what I feel may or may not be the hidden agendas of the speakers. Then if I come up with the wrong conclusion I'll have only myself to blame.

Thanks again



By the way, your interviewers did an impecable job! Please convey my admiration.

P.S.S. I really don't question the honor of the media because apparently they are selling what their employers or the public is buying. They can just cut me out. I'm sure that won't break their hearts. I don't care for Madonna either but she's selling what everyone's buying and skipping all the way to the bank.

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