

Dear Brian:

God bless C-Span - although I have somewhat against you. Being a faithful follower of your Book Notes, I am at a loss to understand how you get to read all the books that are reviewed and I have a long list of "must read" that I don't know when I'll get to. It took me weeks of waiting to get The Book of Virtues from the library, so I've concluded that there are many in our town who are also viewers. There are so few that don't interest me that my reading is set before me for years. If I wasn't such an attentive watcher I would have more time for reading.

Regarding the U.S. News and World Report programming, I'm afraid I wasn't much interested. Listening to a few being interviewed it was confirmed to me that I'm just not attuned to those interviewed - and DAVID GERGEN - I did watch that one.

Amazing how he echoed the president. He didn't pound the table but he did express resentment that the administration was unable to get on with the important issues of health care, welfare reform, blah, blah.

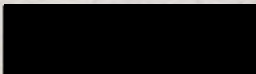
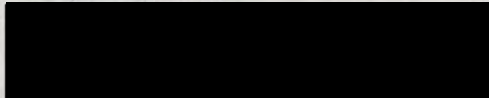
It therefore occurred to me that if the president wasn't on his weekly campaign jaunts he could spend more time on what he believes important. Frankly, I'm always delighted when not much gets done at the Capitol.

Mr. Gergen has become an apologist and defender and has even learned to just skirt the truth. He has become quite fatuous.

I'm hoping that sometime in the future you will do a week on National Review. Now there's a set of characters that will arouse your viewers. I had been a reader of TIME since I was nineteen years of age - for fifty years and was becoming slowly disillusioned with the magazine. When I read their discovery of "good-versus evil", I decided I had had enough. They admittedly had become "advocates" in addition to being reporters, and I turned to National Review. I predict your phones will be ringing off the hook when you feature Messrs. Rusher, Buckley, etal.

With C-Span and the many talk shows available I would think the public is becoming aware with what goes on in D.C. and the reporting around the country. I, for one, am happy that I no longer need a weekly magazine to keep up with it all.

Gratefully,



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