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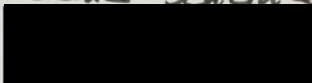
I've watched your Washington Journal program for the last 6 years, almost religiously. It has certainly in the past been one of the best news programs in the morning, unfortunately not anymore. For the past two years at least, the opinion that comes across in the hours between 7-9 from the callers has continued to be more and more "hate". Although I've seen your efforts to give balance to the program it has failed miserably... your leaving it up to the viewers to give balance is pitifully lacking. Hate is a great motivator. If you miss my point, listen again to some of the callers you receive over and over and over. The same people the same message the same hate. (Maybe caller T.D. would be a better way to give balance to the show) and back to two guests. There is no counter-view that gets through on the phones. The Zealots have won. sad day.

What convinced me of this is completely is when JFK Jr.'s Plane went missing and the calls in overwhelming numbers were crude and insulting not what a balance show would produce. (moderates and liberals have given-up)

most of the time your guests either agree with the hosts or are dumbfounded and don't know how to react to them.

I give up ... until you discover a way to deal with this I can no longer start my day with this hate.

It's really a shame in the past Washington Journal has been informative and what I had considered the best news program available now I consider it another right wing call in show unhearable to listen to.

I sincerely hope you find an answer to return to some balance,


P.S.

If your going to depend on callers for balance the only thing that works is pro-con lines. Then if a con calls on a pro line or vice-versa you can simply hang up.

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