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Dear Brian,

I hope you had a chance to hear Deborah Tannen, today, speaking on her book "The Argument Culture." I quote her: "It's very sad that, in our culture, we always want to know, before you listen to somebody, are they a Republican or a Democrat. To me, that's part of the problem." I could not agree more. **OWT**

Aside from the fact that the split lines don't work in the way you'd hoped, and that they tend to shut out the West which is already disadvantaged by the time zones...they are so polarizing. Before split lines were instituted, people called to C-SPAN to get out their ideas. Now, it is much more rancorous, and full of "attack" calls. But thanks for everything else at C-SPAN, which you do so well. 



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