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I watch C-Span because I love my country and C-Span helps me to understand it better. I believe when we Americans have truthful information about people and events we will make wise decisions. C-Span programs come closer to presenting truth than any I can obtain without research. I like my news diet unadulterated with others' inevitable pre-digested bias.

The morning call-in show with newsmen, and emphasis upon what newspapers across the country are focusing, gives me a chance to see what political diet we are being fed and who is feeding it to us. Your presentations are without your own comment, which gives me better opportunity to trust my own instincts about people. Even though I don't have a mechanical voice-meter to indicate when people are untruthful, still my "built-in meter" picks up subtle nuances in the caller's voices, and in your guest's, which assists me in sorting out what is believable. Your programing helps me to feel closer to Americans all over our country as I hear their expressions. You have a cohesive impact upon us. People in the news, and people who write and broadcast the news become real recognizable individuals, instead of vague names. To me that has been especially enlightening as you

have gone into the offices of the newspapers to give us a glimpse into some of those who put out our news diet. You give both conservative and liberal viewpoints. Both are important to me in shaping my choices.

Significantly, to see some of the workings of the U.S. House of Representatives has brought home vividly the truth of the saying that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. It's distressing to know that we must be vigilant against some of our own politicians, but it would be more distressing for our country if we Americans didn't have this knowledge of the politicians who, what, where, and when.

Conversly, it is encouraging to see the making of statesmen in some of our Representatives and Senators.

The showing of seminars, conferences, and committee hearings opens up our government <sup>and</sup> media to the scrutiny of the public. Without C-Span I would not have knowledge of most of these meetings which <sup>influence</sup> America, and hence, myself.

All of C-Spans' staff that I have seen are pleasant, intelligent, and seem to keep what bias they may have under wraps...oil upon squeeking wheels.

With your programs my political diet has become more nourishing, and less hard to swallow. C-Span gives me a chance to feel that I can have a bit more knowledgable input into how my country is governed. Thanks to you for serving to bring more enlightened comprehension to my loved country, and helping, with true presentations, to make it more beautiful.

I'd like to borrow from the poet, Keats, inserting "we" for his "ye"...

Beauty is truth,  
truth beauty,-  
that is all (we) know on earth,  
and all (we) need to know...



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