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Dear Bryan:

Just a few remarks on the Rainbow Coalition's Summit on Violence. I was really pleased that this was covered by S-SPAN. The wide variety of situations, each being touted at the main cause of violence, shows the difficulty facing those who want to solve the problems of violence.

Lest we forget, those same problems occur when poverty and hopelessness occurs with any race. People that are better-off need to be made aware of those viewpoints. I was particularly struck by the statistic that about 48% of the 12 or 13 year old children who shot and killed people did so to stop abuse of their mothers. If this is really true, why are we trying to put these children in prison for 25 years? Until we understand the problems arising from poverty and hopelessness, how can we contact our representatives to recommend support for specific remedies to violence.

You may not have aired that conference had Congress been back in town. Fortunately, I was able to see most of the coverage. We live in a rural county that has a small cable company. In fact the only reason S-SPAN is on our cable system is because one of the high schools pays for it. There is little hope that we will get any of other C-SPAN channels.

Thus, when people rant and rave far into the night on their narrow points of view for most of the night, I get the feeling that C-SPAN coverage of "the activities of the House" ceases to be productive. I see Congressman (46th district of California) Dornan's too frequent harangues as a prime example of abuse. There are others who do this also. Such an abuse of the airwaves prevents C-SPAN from covering other important programs. In our rural county, our black citizens have problems but not people living in the ghettos. Our only access to such information is provided by C-SPAN.

I know your reaction is always to advise us to get out there and drum up support for additional channels, but we have had no support for adding additional channels. My only suggestion at this time would be to ask C-SPAN whether it would be possible to air a summary of such ranting and raving, thus providing time for airing other programs?

Do not bother to reply to this letter. I just want to provide you with my viewpoint on this matter. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
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