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To Brian Lamb - C-Span
From [REDACTED]
Re Washington Journal

You are a joke! a hypocritical player on the media stage! Who bought you on were you that way all along? Somewhere in time I got lost. You have indeed changed or either I've been duped.

For some months now I have listened to "Washington Journal" sporadically, not realizing why I had become so bored, nor did I care. I had long ago written off Durkin (even her image made me recoil) and as of today I write off all of you. The objectivity and equality about which you spoke so convincingly must have been deceit. I suggest you do away with the Democratic line. Democrats don't call anymore or do you just refuse to take their calls?

You are now preaching to your choir and are just like radical GOP radio talk shows. Your callers are ignorant, narrow-minded and bent on pushing their agendas of greed and opportunism which the "Journal" assists in ~~subtly~~ promoting with subtlety.

You began the program today by showing everything in print that was negative to President Clinton (some twice). Filling the papers with nefarious Clinton allegations was a scheme on the part of Republicans to blunt the MONUMENTAL defeat they suffered over the Disaster Relief Bill last week. Nothing could have been more obvious or more disgusting. And you helped!

In the second half of the show a trite panelist, John McManus, attempted to put-down Julianne Malveaux, PhD, the other panelist, as did your "little" O.W. R

callers. McManus ignored her MIT degree and her magna cum laude honors and finally squeaked that he went to Holy Cross not far away (did he graduate)? Journal callers probably thought Holy Cross was the Vatican!

Maloney became incensed at your (McManus') suggestion that she get a free ride. I've never seen her so angry! She was great in her spirited defense and I loved every minute. Her superior intellect and her articulate communication left McManus looking like the Emperor with no clothes, and you, Mr. Lamb, speechless.

As an answer to your "Journal": I probably will check it out once every month or so and I will continue to watch coverage of Congress and your educational and news events programs. You had a great idea and it worked for a long time. Too bad you fainted it.

