

August 23, 1993

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Dear Mr. Lamb,

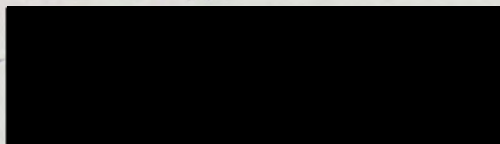
It's over.....It's gone. The "above suspicion" quality of C-SPAN is destroyed and that's really too bad. Today when you tried to "balance" calls to Buchanan and Hitchens, didn't you realize what you were doing? The very minute you do that, YOU INVITE SUSPICION. On the next program people are wondering...."Well, they're screening calls What point of view are they trying to put across?" And as the man from Little Rock demonstrated, it's easily gotten around. Why didn't you listen to him? He demonstrated something important....Now I DO NOT countenance lying and I would have objected to that, but the man was trying to tell you something and you hung up in anger! That spoke volumes about you....it showed your impatience and your "need" to "over control". How sad.

Years ago, I suppose when there were fewer cable viewers, I know the calls weren't "screened". To my way of thinking, the concept of screening, in itself is "undemocratic". (Why should anyone "play God?") Today, perhaps, you have more nutcases or the people who are trying to get an ad in for Howard Stern, BUT SO WHAT? I'm sure your competent hosts can handle all of them.

What used to be so wonderful about C-SPAN callers is that you really got a "feel" for what the country was thinking. And it all eventually balanced out. I wouldn't care if ALL UNSCREENED calls were for Bill Clinton...or if ALL UNSCREENED calls were against Bill Clinton. Those calls, to me, would represent the thinking out there across the land. I really don't like them strained through your "screeners" prism!

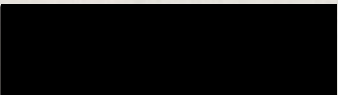
It's so awful.....Unless you reverse this ill considered policy....the last vestage of being able to hear what my fellow citizens are thinking, no matter who they are for, is lost! C-SPAN was the last hope. Mr. Lamb, please TRUST the American people and allow the free flow of ideas UNSCREENED.

Yours truly,



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P.S. I don't mind your asking people to stay on a particular topic; that's reasonable..As long as they can say what they want!



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