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Dear C-Span:

I have been an avid and enthusiastic viewer of C-Span for many, many, years.

I have recommended it highly to colleagues and associates as one of the few places to get news and views from "the horse's mouth".

I was shocked and completely stunned at your program last night about the Helms-Gantt race here in North Carolina. I could not believe my eyes and ears! If this program had been bought by the Gantt Committee, I could have watched it impassively.

It was like your favorite Boy Scout being awarded his Eagle Badge and then he would confess that he had been a drug pusher for years!

Your choice of a moderator was quite subtle.....or was it? And to have a Democratic candidate plugging his book to answer questions! And the questions not raised by the callers, such as "What do you mean by traditional values?" and the loaded question, "What do you intend to do if you lose?" This is the old "Can you stop beating your wife?" the very implication is negative and was designed to do just that.

The frequent showing of the newspaper headline "The Black and White of It" was quite clever. It said more that you dared to state. And you not only showed it once but many times, in case someone did not get the point.

The unflattering photo of Senator Helms, flashed again and again on the screen.

Paul Luebke reminds me of the carpet baggers who flooded our state years ago. He is going "to modernize" this state. "Modernize" is double-speak for leaving traditional values. Luebke would wear a T-shirt with a suggestive message, jeans, and dirty sneakers to the opera or a concert, while Senator Helms would wear the traditional tie and a dark suit.

I am terribly, terribly disappointed with C-Span! I hope this is an aberration that will never, never, be repeated on what was otherwise so fine a channel.

I realize that you repeat programs after midnight and that it is understandable. But you announced that you were going to show it immediately in prime time (so no one could call in!)

I am not a Jessie Helms supporter, but this is going to make me vote for him.

Yours truly,
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