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I am on President Clinton's Steering Committee, and I have written to him about this issue. I wanted to write to C-Span, also, since you had the program with Laura Tyson and L. Martin this week, and also because of the role you *serve, play.*

The VMI/Citadel decision by the Supreme Court is a major issue. Especially in regard to what I know--SC--women have been exploited and basically abused for 150 years, not being admitted to The Citadel. They also paid TAXES to keep men in school there and hooked up with business networks.

I think that the VMI attempt to go private should be covered in depth. The issues tht are at stake for women are huge. Please do not neglect this issue!

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George Will hasn't suffered Citadel's gender bias

In response to "A victory for women — but now what?" (June 30 Viewpoint):

What does George Will know? He has never been a citizen of a country or a state which excluded him from such a powerful, influential business-networking institution as VMI or The Citadel. I especially doubt that he ever paid taxes to operate a school which excluded him.

By contrast, that is exactly what has been happening to women in South Carolina for more than 150 years. Women have had to select schools which were more expensive, did not offer the range and quality of courses or business connections, did not offer other kinds of expensive training, or which were places to pursue traditional educations — i.e. what was allowed. Plus, they have had to pay taxes to keep their male counterparts happily enrolled at The Citadel.

"We had a good thing going," complained one male cadet in a network newscast this week. Yes, I guess they did. But now — he's right — it's over, or at least in the first phase of changing toward something better and fairer. The damage to the culture will take generations to undo. And what about a refund of all those tax dollars?

Letter to editor,

