

Dear C-Span:

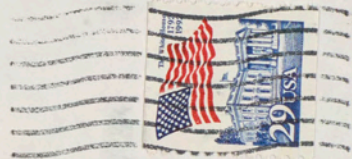
I've been watching your station for 6 or 7 years. I've enjoyed your programming and your elaborate effort at fairness and balanced reporting. I've approved of the avoidance of the "cult" of the newsreporter you have maintained, if somewhat coyly, over the years. Both of these principles were blown forever with your interview ~~this week~~ with David Brock and the sensationalistic running after rumor that you called news reporting this week. You were right there, heading the pack, eager to ruin the credibility of the President of the United States. Don't say someone from the White House wouldn't come on; why couldn't you at least have had a skeptical journalist to counter Brock's accusations? I think the answer is you wanted to be first, you wanted to get in there and compete with the Spectator and CNN.

There is an honesty to tabloid journalism that your station understands very well. They may be going for the shocking sex story but they do it "up front" and without pretensions to great journalism. You, on the other hand, pretend to do much. You carefully nurture and foster this image (over)

of objectivity. Then when you give your respectability to this Brock person, you enhance his stature enormously. You evidently wanted this story very badly, to reveal so much about your true bias.

I have accepted Lamb's protestations that he can't control the often noticed preponderance of right sided colors on your shows far too naively. I've also noticed he always brings to the fore any mention of Lembaugh. If your sentiments are in that direction why not be as honestly anti administration as Lembaugh is? Everyone knows how to evaluate and accept the garbage the Spectator, Lembaugh, etc. put out. Your dishonesty is really insidious. Then, to make everything far worse, you look down your objective nose at news organizations that "chose" the sex scandal.

This time next year you'll have a weighty discussion about why Clinton hasn't been able to govern effectively. You'll find journalists who will lament the lack of public morality and talk about the corruption in government. Journalists like you who destroy public trust in order to create their own careers and build ~~a~~ a hefty balance in their stock portfolios.



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