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C-SPAN Networks
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Washington, D.C. 20001
Dear C-SPAN,

In a misguided effort to be "fair," and respond to constant demands of "balance," you are neglecting something extremely important about this election season as well as any other time.

You have three phone lines titled Democrat, Republican, and other, but every morning on Washington Journal you have one, usually liberal, journalist in the first segment, and then one left and one right representative in the next segment. Why do you never, or almost never, have an other at the table?

If you have three phone lines which you seem to believe covers the entire electorate and every interest, then you ought to have the same at your round table. There is more to life than left/right

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warfare, but unfortunately you constantly promote that warfare as the only debate worth anything.

Meanwhile, any voice outside that warfare never gets to sit at your Newspaper roundtable. We are therefore encouraged to believe that only two viewpoints are allowed or worth hearing.

I commend C-SPAN for covering all the parties and their candidates. My complaint is not about overall coverage, but is restricted to the morning call-in show which is a very important program as an idea forum. Why restrict it to only two views?

Sincerely,



P.S. Please give "other" a seat at your table as well as a phone line.

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