

C - SPAN - 7/31/95

As one of your loyal viewers I hope this letter is not relegated to one political side or another — or worse yet — thrown into a waste basket for all my efforts.

I write as an American first & foremost.

Thanks — for the wonderful coverage on Colin Powell
Sun. 7/30.



7/29/95

To: C-SPAN

In Re: agendas of your callers

I have been a loyal viewer for several years and have enjoyed your program while singing your praises to everyone and anyone, but I'm afraid some of your audience is falling away because of many of your callers abusing the privilege just for a few seconds of verbal fame.

I don't care if they are Rep. or Dem., but we out here can see through the agendas of these people which profess their disaffection with our government, their constant harping at our incumbent President and their genuine disdain for the less fortunate who number in the millions. I'm personally "fed up" (to borrow one of their favorite phrases) with the many "old geezers calling in with their self righteous, usually southern accented, inarticulate "bubba" diatribes of hate and bigotry regarding currently the affirmative action issue and of course the old standby issues of minorities or the mythical "welfare queens", *and oh yes, Homosexuals.*

I also do not appreciate those younger call-ins who enjoy insulting your guests with their "I gotcha" mentalities. Most of these are supposed and irate students (probably taking advantage of grants & govt. handouts for their educations), then there are the "boomers" and "yuppies" who because of their sacrificing parents, have never missed a meal or gotten their hands dirty with real work, like to call in with their gripes about taxes and again, the minorities who have supposedly taken away jobs from them at one time or another (if at all).

Let's not forget the mis-informed and un-educated "Blue collar" and rural types which parrot the latest divisive political rhetoric because they don't read and seek for themselves all the real facts on any issue. Some of these are your "rebels without a cause" types who join militias and "whacko" church (?) cults which are just dying for a civil war. Like insects, they are everywhere and multiplying, and the media just kind of turn the other way. These same groups are wanting less authority given to our govt. lawmen, and it is happening, just watch and listen to what is going on with the Waco hearings where some of our elected legislators are sympathizing with the "poor" armed, religious zealots who claim to hear God's voice in their favor (you betcha).

I am enclosing a cartoon from our local paper for your collection. I believe in free speech, but your callers could be advised to "cool" their sometimes hateful, anarchistic, inciteful and sometimes disgusting remarks. If Rush Limbaugh can cut people off, so can you. I would like C-SPAN to survive, and I know you can use more control over these radicals.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Flynn & Gary Gerhardt
authors of "The Silent Brotherhood"

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