

Center Line, Mi 48015
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Dear Sirs:

In an appreciative morning viewer of C-SPAN and C-SPAN 2. The diversity of guests on the Call-Ins is commendable. In addition, coverage of the Natl. Press Club, The Am. Univ. Forums and Natl. Political Party events (to name just a few) is beneficial to persons, like me, who struggle with our nation's problems. This service offers a unique opportunity for unbiased information. I am especially grateful.

As a regular viewer, who has never called-in, I would like to offer an observation regarding recent programs (none in particular, just "in general"), but especially the Live Call-Ins. I am getting the impression that more and more callers are "intentional professionals"—those who represent a particular party's interest or an advocacy group. Viewers are unable to distinguish between the average interested, independent at-home caller who offers a "personal view" and these others. Other than sex and city, we have no idea who is expressing an opinion. I feel that "if" the professionals are flooding C-SPAN

with their views, a misrepresentation of opinions, concerns and information is or could occur. Is it possible? Could more data about the callers be given without invasion of privacy? Perhaps, after a program, we could be told - in general - the age of callers, Party preference, Interest Group membership, or other personal information. I sincerely hope that my concern is unfounded. If there is something you could do or are currently doing to avoid this possible problem, could we get information about it?

C-SPAN is becoming so popular that it could be "used" for political or personal gain. If so, credibility would be lacking. I need to be assured this isn't and won't happen. Please consider my observation with the respectful intention in which it was given.

Very sincerely,

[REDACTED] unaffiliated with any Political Party but a registered Michigan Democrat for Primary Purpose and prideful of a 100% voting record since 1957 in National, State and Local elections due to immigrant parents who stressed the respect for government of - by - for the people and who felt "paying taxes was a privilege and not a burden" in a democracy.)

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