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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Re: Loss of C-Span

Dear Brian:

The loss of C-Span coverage in many areas may be a result of your own creation of viewer loss. Arrogance has seeped into C-Span programming such as telephone line division, dictating what viewers can call in about, questioning call-in viewers as though they are liars to determine validity of their article, and "zapping" those you decide have violated your dictatorship.

TCI Cable in our area cut C-Span coverage to a few hours. I went to TCI office and voiced strong argument for restoration. A local couple exercised more clout for full coverage. It was.

I'm turning the dial off of "Washington Journal" more and more because of the dictatorship that you're programmed - the "zapping" of viewers who spent time and money as C-Span viewers is not very nice.

Those areas who are losing C-Span

are urged by you to contact their cable companies for restoration of C-Span.

My belief is that more viewers should be urged to contact you in an effort to restore a "more relaxed C-Span" that I was first introduced to, not the restrictive rules you've implemented.

I'm not abdicating C-Span completely - I won't continue supporting arrogance exercised in the theory "you do what I say, or you don't be a part of C-Span".

Lighten-up, Brin, the election is over, your Democrat was elected to the presidency, you didn't eliminate the phone line division as you promised - and C-Span is being eliminated in many areas because of viewer loss.

That's the reason TCI stated to me - they wanted the slot for more viewer oriented programs. It came from the horse's mouth - but, then you probably won't believe me!

Although I fought for C-Span - I'm turned off by arrogance - "ZAPPING". Ugly.

