

America's Network

I watch C-SPAN because no other programming of news provides such an in-depth supply of information. Daily I am taken into the hallowed halls of Congress, travel the countryside with candidates seeking federal offices, visit leading newspapers and their editorial staffs and sit front row center for live talk shows with leading governmental authorities.

C-SPAN awakens the soul of America better than any other news source through its alert and informative reporting. On no other news program is "democracy in action" brought into our homes. C-SPAN is always there providing me with instant, good, concrete information.

It has been stated for centuries that the first requisite of a successful democracy is an alert and informed body politic. I believe that we, as citizens, need to keep abreast of what our leaders are deciding. Since government envelopes, serves and controls us all and no one escapes having his life molded by it, doesn't it stand to reason that we know what is going on? Tax increases effect us! Decisions on foreign affairs effect us! I want to know what our leaders are thinking. I find this information, in detail, on C-SPAN and no place else.

As voting citizens we have the high privilege of determining the future of our government. Benjamin Franklin issued a challenge to all generations of Americans in 1787 when he made the statement that our Founding Fathers had given us a Republic, "if we could keep it". Well, I for one, want to keep it! When I watch the Congressional debates I can see which members of Congress feel the way I do, and which ones don't. When I go with C-SPAN on the campaign trail, I know which candidates I can trust to lead us to new and greater heights and which ones don't measure up.

C-SPAN provides me with the educational growth I need to become a better informed citizen. Through C-SPAN's daily column shows, special inside look at newspapers, live talk shows and other public affairs

programs, I am brought face to face with a superior education on governmental affairs. By being brought first hand information about government, I am more able to formulate my responses and impact on government.

Just as government has an impact on the people, the people have an impact on government. Our impact and influences will help crystalize the trend of our government in the future. As the government provides for us, we must in turn provide for it, the stepping stones for the future.

My impact and influence on government is greatly enriched by watching C-SPAN. By watching only what C-SPAN presents to its audience, I have become a better educated citizen and it is through this education that we all get better government.

Thank you C-SPAN!!


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