

C-Span
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I watch C-Span because I care about what's going on in my country. I care about the future of my country and the world, and I don't like capsulized and predigested news reports that gloss over the facts and leave me wanting more information. I like to hear both sides of an issue, and C-Span lets me do that. I get a more comprehensive view of the problems and solutions in the world when I watch C-Span. Interviews and debates are enlightening and interesting, and I hear about ideas that never crossed my path before. C-Span covers people and events the regular networks don't have the time or desire to investigate. That sort of narrow scope precludes any real understanding of developing situations and events. So, I watch C-Span to become better informed. It makes a difference in my world--a bigger and brighter world because I know more what's going on.

I watch C-Span to see cultural and entertainment features. I like seeing the Capitol Steps, and during Christmas, the music showcases were absolutely great. It's also nice not to be interrupted by thousands of commercials. I can enjoy the music or the comedy without being rudely put on hold with an insincere, "We'll return to our program after these impotant words...."

I watch C-Span to look at the camera shots of Washington, D.C. It's a beautiful city with great architecture and feeling, and I think I share a little of that majestic feeling when I see it. I like to admire the creative genius that went into the monuments and landmarks of our capitol. It makes me feel like I own it and that it owns me--it's that kind of patriotism, I guess, that goes beyond boundaries and politics and makes you feel like you belong in a quiet but very strong way.

During this election year, I like to watch C-Span to see debates between the candidates in order to decide for myself what each side stands for. Instead of voting against someone, I can make a decision to vote FOR someone because I am aware of the various sides of an issue that concerns me. I think it makes me a better voter.

I like to watch C-Span to keep ahead of what's going on. The issues presented help me see what might be ahead in the months or years to come. The new ideas help me see the world in a more organized and coherent manner.

Finally, I watch C-Span because I like to. It's fun to see our leaders undefied and human, fighting for the same things I might fight for. It's like being able to watch a large town meeting in your own home. I also like to be able to call the speakers names or cheer them on. I think C-Span does a great service by giving us the opportunity to see our nation in action. If watching C-Span makes me more aware of what's going on, or gives me a greater appreciation of the U.S., that's great. What's even better is when I see something that leads me to take some sort of action. I think that's the real reason I watch C-Span.

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