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Dear Mr. Lamb,

In the June 21st issue of "National Review" 13 different articles concerning "The Decline of American Journalism" (none by Bill Buckley) were printed. If you read them you were among the few behind the Beltway according to a Washington Representative of "Investor's Business Daily. He told me that he doubted that 10% of the Beltway Journalists had read them. I know that Knight-Ridder editors and publishers in the Carolinas and Miami had never heard of the critical articles until I mentioned it to them and then they were rather resentful.

More recently Jim Lehrer in the "Saturday Evening Post" Nov/Dec 1993 issue had a reprint of a commencement speech. Jim said most journalists were very arrogant know it alls. Your two participants this morning's show are fine examples of arrogance--shown in their writings and actions on camera.

Since so many of C-span's programs involve media people, I wonder if you have ever read either the "National Review" articles or Jim Lehrer's commencement address. I would also like to mention Forbes' "Media Critic" and a spate of books like Howard Kurtz's "Media Circus. There seems to be an in house awakening to the public ratings of much of the media which is close to politicians and tort lawyers. Perhaps you have done it, but it would seem to me that you could spend a couple of long programs taking an inventory of the failings of media.

There was a time when I tried to call in with a comment or question, but the professional and repeat callers were always ahead of me. In retrospect I am glad as I might have sounded as stupid as 95% of your callers. I wonder if there are many like myself who now turn C-Span off when you turn on the callers.

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The call in part at your programs
need some rethinking!

