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Dear Sir:

There was a poignant moment on C-Span earlier this week when a lady caller expressed regret that it seemed C-Span was a-kilter, leaning leftward, and she added plaintively that she was losing what she seemed to feel was our last line of defense against the Loony Left.

She wasn't helped much as the cabal from The Hill took center stage, with Gelbart, Eisele, Grann, Tolchin and Schwartz, as happy a group of anti-Republicans as ever graced C-Span's cameras.

Even when Pat Crowley was called from the wings, it evolved that he was formerly employed by the Palm Beach Post, an indictment all by itself.

If the lady was reduced to a state of shell shock by that group, there is no telling how she survived this morning with the advent of that doll from USA Today, Leslie (an appropriate name) Phillips, aided and abetted, regretfully, by the somewhat less than moderate moderator, Brian Lamb.

Needless to say, as the coverage of Sen. Robert Packwood expanded, he received an additional two negative votes, as C-Span took on the aroma of Hard Copy, Geraldo, Phil Dumbahue and any other garbage show so contrary to what used to be C-Span fare, fair.

The lady who called in the midst of the massacre protesting what she saw occurring on the screen was exactly right: the accusers of Sen. Packwood should thank any man charitable enough to make a pass at them, and that does not exclude Leslie.

The introduction of the diary, which I believe was a terrible invasion of the Senator's privacy early in the investigation, was Oprah Winfrey at her worst and the simpering smirk of Phillips spoke volumes as Brian uncharacteristically defended C-Span's using it.

I hold no brief for Senator Packwood, considering him much too Liberal to be called Republican, but the section of the diary displayed which I believe Brian said was chosen by Phillips for her story, and which she appeared to salivate over, sounded like nothing so much as an adolescent's sexual fantasizing, or a drunkard's, and if I were the Senator, realizing that my most idiotically puerile imaginings were about to be revealed to the many-eyed monster made up of the sex-saturated television morons, I would have altered the diary as well.

C-Span's Lamb then compounded the ignominious and figuratively gory demise of Sen. Packwood with the inappropriate clip from KATU-TV, well

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aware of the dreadful shambles local TV makes of anything that merely breathes sexual misbehavior. And of course, no C-Span Washington Journal could close without the ugly head of the Washington Post's being raised. One gets the impression that C-Span places the importance of the Graham Post slightly ahead of the Bible.

I have yet to hear someone raise the point that this whole seamy affair was a political ploy of the Democrats to remove an extremely capable Senator from his extremely important post and to disrupt the carrying out of the Republican agenda.

Such an insidious intent would be typical of the effete Democratic program, which, unable to supply anything constructive, would resort to any method to impede Republican success.

The Democrats chose the right one for this nasty travesty. Let us hope that Boxer does not believe her political acumen made her the Loony Left hatchet...person, but that her innate nastiness surely did.

CC: USA Today
CC: Sen. Mitch McConnell

