

I watch C-Span because I want to see and hear things for myself. C-Span has the great virtue of presenting the issues of the day as directly as is possible through television. The idea of a democracy, as I understand it, is that every citizen should think for himself. This goal is best served by the most direct dissemination of news and information. I cannot find such directness in newspapers, magazines, or other television channels; the subject is always adulterated, filtered, abbreviated, interpreted, or distorted by the intervention of writers and editors. As a citizen of this nation I believe that I have no need for such intervention. I am tired of being condescended to by writers and editors who habitually address the public as though they are dealing with simpletons. Let me see and hear things for myself, and I will best be able to make up my own mind. That's why I watch C-Span.

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