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I watch C Span because C Span has renewed my faith in our Democratic process. Until C Span little was heard of the steady, dedicated, untiring efforts of Congressmen and others in our system. We heard only of the spectacular, falling from grace, individuals featured in daily papers and far-out books.

Our homes over-flowed with fantasy extremes and the make-believe of TV and films. C Span brought us the exciting, thrilling vitality of life as it really is. As we listen to the efforts of some of the greatest minds of our day, the fact looms large that among many of the self-serving politicians,

there are still "Statesmen"; true patriots, as great, brave, and wise as were the Founding Fathers.

No doubt their exposure to the Public, given by C Span, has been an incentive to them for further self-examination, study and re-assessment resulting in growth in their performances.

As I watch, I feel the surge of latent patriotism; and I rejoice that I live in America.

C Span brings educators the opportunity to let students view "History in the making."

With its all-inclusive coverage of our national life, it is one of the few institutions which can be a unifying force to our heterogeneous population.

Most precious of all is the privilege C Span affords us, the privilege of the Greek

in their great Democracy
 termed "parrhesia". The over all
 integral meaning of this term
 is "freedom of speech", but it
 embodies at once the duty and
 honor of the individual speaking
 his own mind and opinions in
 civil assemblies by which the
 state is governed.

Because of Spain and through
 its efforts, anyone in this large
 melting pot of which you and
 I are a part may, and no
 doubt should, exercise his right
 of "parrhesia" and become a
 living, active part of our America.

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