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Dear Mr. Lamb:

This morning I heard a man castigate you for having so many people of a conservative bent and not having enough blacks and women.

I got the feeling that it may have been specific blacks, specific women and with specific views that he wanted rather than a greater variety of guests--if he doesn't see his favorite people on the screen, he is disappointed.

He probably raising issues that the "fairness doctrine" is supposed to cover.

I wish you would have a program where the fairness doctrine was a topic.

Apparently some people are trying to insist that television stations that carry Rush Limbaugh must, at the station's own expense, carry a show with "liberal" views. They say they have a right to "equal time."

Years ago I offered to write a pro Equal Rights Amendment article for a magazine. The editor told me that in order to publish such an article he would need to publish in the same issue an article opposed to the ERA and he didn't know anyone who could write an article that would make a good case against it. This really frustrated me. People were making scurrilous cases against it everywhere.

Whatever the reason, I'm glad that you don't keep having the same self-appointed or press-appointed "spokespeople" (Jesse Jackson, Gloria Steinem, Flo Kennedy, etc.) for various causes or groups. When I was active in the National Organization for Women in Minnesota, we used to get very frustrated with how

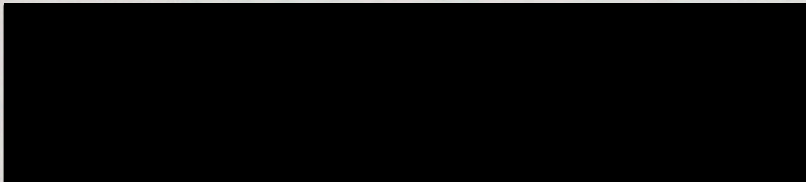
the media would focus on the statements just a few women on either coast (in New York City especially) as representing all of us. This helped them set the agenda for the entire country when many of us were much more conservative on many issues than they were.

I suppose there is no way for you to reveal this, but are there financial ^{or contract} considerations involved when some of these people are not interested in being on your network?

Back when I was on the board of Evangelicals for Social Action, we were told that Lerone Bennett (author of Before the Mayflower) would agree to address our annual gathering only if we paid him \$1000. To my knowledge no other person who ever participated in ESA, including Sen. Mark Hatfield, was ever paid.

Your network seems very balanced and fair to me. I thoroughly enjoy watching it.

Sincerely,



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