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President
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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a dark day in the history of broadcasting in America, when a respectable network such as C-SPAN has stooped to the most despicable level of hate propaganda.

In the last couple of days you have been showing repeatedly that shameful event at Howard University, where a hate-mongering racist by the name of Khalid Mohammed gave a hate-filled speech to a cheering audience.

As an educator, I am appalled to see an American university hosting such a gathering, reminiscent of Nazi Germany in the 30's. But I find it even more deplorable that your network, which is supposedly dedicated to public service, finds it fit to provide that speaker with the opportunity to spread his venom coast-to-coast. While he has the right to free speech, it does not mean that you are obligated to give him a national audience. I have no doubt that if he had used words such as "shit" or "fuck", you would have applied some censorship. But what he said was even more obscene. If you use the argument of freedom of speech, does it mean that from now on you will broadcast KKK conventions and neo-Nazi rallies?

I cannot imagine such filth being shown on television in any civilized country. It is neither informative, nor educational, nor newsworthy, unless you think that the public has the right to know that the "damned Jews" are wicked liars, that the black gunman who killed white passengers on a New York train was sent by God, and that "white Jesus should be thrown in the garbage can." That you have repeated the speech over and over again amounts to some sort of endorsement. Are you now in the business of promoting racism and religious bigotry?

I have always encouraged my children and my students to watch C-SPAN, but in this case you have displayed bad judgment, a lack of sensitivity toward your viewers, and a disgusting disregard for the memory of the Holocaust victims who were ridiculed by the speaker. You owe an apology to the many people who were defamed and offended not only by the speech, but by the complicity of your network.

Sincerely,

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