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I like C-span because it brings the important meetings and H.R. sessions into my home without the biased commentary of network newsmen. My family and I are able to "edit" program content, gleaming the more important segments of those selected and broadcasted programs and gain the invaluable background to current news programs in total, without "news management" i.e. deciding what warrants 30 seconds on network news.

The ability to call in to C-Span guests, experts and participants and the attendant high quality of Q & A gives the viewers a feeling of being apart of a New England Town meeting. This is a unique feeling and ability which is afforded seldom by other news oriented networks.

To be involved and to gain first hand answers from news and policy makers albeit at times the questions are obtuse ~~at times~~ show a high level of concern on behalf of the viewing public and the care taken by the persons questioned.

C-Span has taken daytime television to the apogee of of concerned, two way communication. I often wish however that I might make my voice heard from the Roster of Democracy in the House and I should further wish that the Senate Club would permit live coverage. Certainly the coverage of H.R. & S committee meetings as well as talks at Nat'l Press Club, NSDAR, various press conferences which are not covered by the networks show fundamental concern for the public good and educational welfare.

C-Span has totally taken television for the first

time out of the entertainment realm and justly placed it in its proper role; that of dispensing information, opinion, debate and contending our ideas and ideals.

Thank you C-Span for the ultimate in public service. We are a better informed nation because of your desire to inform rather than entertain. To me your effort represent an oasis of the "vast wasteland" which W. H. Hixson correctly described t.v. during his term as a commissioner.

Unhappily our cable system (United C.T.) does not carry your programming at night, something about which I have complained. I am sure however that the same high quality - non Star (talent) programming continues.

Again thank you for your highly successful counter programming sans anchor-stars. It is in short enlightening, enjoyable, informative and instructive. Please continue your great work.

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