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Dear Brian Lamb:

I write as one of C-SPAN's most dedicated viewers; as an "electronic cottage" person, I am privileged to work all day at home while keeping an eagle eye on what's going on, thanks to your glorious network.

What concerns me is the almost total lack of concern your call-in shows demonstrate toward the most important issues facing our country. I'm referring to SOCIAL PROBLEMS. I actually did my shopping at Giant this morning during the first call-in because once again we were going to discuss the future of the former Soviet Union. No, I am not an American-Firster! But enough is enough, particularly when we just had a report discussing the huge increase in teenage suicide and homicide. We're talking lofty crap about education 2000 and Montgomery County is suggesting eliminating the piddling 13 teachers who work one-on-one with high school students who need help in reading!

Sitting within blocks of you is Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund. She is great; she has a great staff who could substitute as a guest on a call-in show. Down the road is People for the American Way whose staff members could talk with the audience about how censorship restricts what our students can learn. Etc. Etc. Etc.

I would like to see ONE PIDDLING DAY A WEEK set aside on the call-in show for a discussion of the fundamental rotting away of our society. If you need help in determining who would be great, watch the programs you run when Congress isn't in session. I'd sure like to see that guy from FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform) who was on today. And Dr. Butcher, the law professor from Howard on the Democratic Women's Club program would be worth time for a discussion of the status of black women.

The thing that makes C-SPAN so great is its even-handedness. But if you keep ignoring the basic problems of society, you are going to let the forthcoming election ignore them because I don't know many

politicians who give one hoot about the teenage suicide rate. We have to make them care! And no one can help more than C-SPAN.

Sincerely,



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