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Program Director,
C-SPAN,
444 N. Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001.

Dear Sir:

I enjoy watching C-SPAN. I would like to offer these suggestions:

1. Weekly update on Gulf War including the United Nations resolutions because new viewers may not know exactly what is happening. This could be done for the Savings and Loan scandal; The Keating Five, etc.
2. More information about historical and social background of each country including the differences between the Arabs and the non-Arabs (Iran). What is an Arab? Are the Arabs in the various countries related? Who are the Kurds? Are the Jews and Arabs related?
3. Could someone explain the different British (others as well) military ranks. What is the equivalent U.S. rank?
4. Ask callers to write down comments and questions. This could save time and could serve to make questions more coherent.
5. Ask the host to write down important questions because some are missed.
6. Ask the host to be neutral and polite to all callers. All callers should be thanked by the host before the subject is changed. Many times the callers' remarks and questions are of more importance to us than the your guests' answers.
7. The host should not ask callers about their country of origin. This can bias answers.
8. Nor should callers identify themselves as members of any race or religion. We do not need to know the country of origin or the race of our callers.
9. If questions about race, sex, or religion are to be discussed then a member of that race, etc. should be present to balance the discussion.
10. Sometimes too many issues are too lightly covered.
11. The best discussions those which include experienced American and foreign journalists or experts.
12. The least informative discussions are those given by congressmen but they are perhaps the most amusing.

Sincerely,
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cc: S. Trahern ✓