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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Several days ago, a caller began to complain in a respectful, reasonable way about the heavy slant given to right-wing people on C-Span. He was ready to cite specific examples, when you rudely cut him off in mid-sentence, complaining that you were tired of hearing such things. You gave a lame excuse that you had provided some time a few days previous to a Jesse Jackson group and that you aired all of President Clinton's speeches.

This morning, I was embarrassed to see you give as much time as he wanted to a ranting right-winger who gave a litany of lies about Clinton, Talbot, and Ickes throwing feces on Vietnam veterans in wheelchairs and spattering the American flag with the same material. You know very well that nothing like this ever happened, yet you gave this nut every courtesy and even turned his remarks over to the Wall Street Journal writer for comment. Like you, she gave no negative reaction to the insane charges but spoke in general terms about a Communist conspiracy, saying that she did not believe Clinton was part of such a thing. Thanks a lot!

I fear that you really do not recognize your own bias. Your background as a worker for President Nixon -- something that you never mention, when it is certainly an indication of where your own opinions come from -- has had its impact. You probably believe that C-Span is neutral politically, when any child can see how you handle callers who agree with you as contrasted with those who have differing views. The fact that you are spending a week with The Wall Street Journal is just one more indication of where you stand politically.

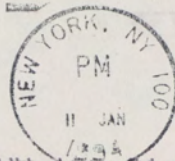
I've asked before: When are we going to hear from Ramsey Clark on C-Span? You say that it is impossible to get Noam Chomsky. Is it equally true that Bernard Sanders and Paul Wellstone are unavailable? When will we hear from people who support the Canadian healthcare system? Or will we continue to hear only from people like that guy Murray, who wants to abolish welfare and send poor kids to orphan asylums?

I remember at the time of the budget discussion how you constantly exposed us to the two young smart alics who were nothing but hired guns of Pete Peterson and who attacked all of us on social security, as if we were collecting welfare instead of an insurance annuity. It worked; we were taxed unfairly, as if we were millionaires. Since their job is done, they have fallen into oblivion -- I guess until they or people like them are needed to attack any decent health proposal.

There is a beam in your eye.

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