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Dear Mr. Lamb:

C-SPAN just ruined my day.

I spend much of my time promoting and defending C-SPAN as one of the few channels of legitimate information in a sea of sensationalized media whose main stock in trade is rumor and innuendo. C-SPAN, I have contended, lets us see and hear for ourselves. We get facts and opinions (presented as opinions!) and can witness first-hand the making of policy, all this without the filtering considered essential by other media.

But then I turn on C-SPAN this morning and what do I get? David Brock, offering us unchallenged rumor and innuendo on Governor Bill Clinton's sexual escapades. Certainly titillating, and sure to be a continuing big story--especially for the National Enquirer and television talk shows.

There may be some truth in all this. It may prove to be a legitimate story. But it was noted this morning that the New York Times and Wall Street Journal as yet were not reporting it. Whoopee. Big scoop for S-SPAN. But you missed Donald Trump's wedding, and Jenny Jones beat you to John Bobbitt.

Bring David Brock on "Booknotes" if you must, and give him a fair discussion. Let responsible journalists discuss this story if you must, at least adding some balance and insight. But please. David Brock as an unchallenged "journalist" insisting that he is doing first-hand reporting because someone told him so has no place on C-SPAN.

Well, there. I have it off my chest. Forgive my sarcasm. But I see C-SPAN as a last best hope; to be so disappointed in it is painful. I really do feel that this was an inexcusable programming choice. Is there a logical rationale?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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