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To: Mr. Brian Lamb [REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED]  
Re: Washington Journal program of 5/21/96  
Norquist and Lerner

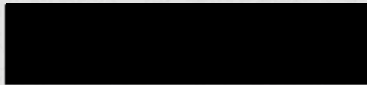
"Rabbi" Lerner surely did monopolize the conversation with his very liberal/anti-industry dialogue. As one caller indicated, Mr. Norquist surely was being short changed on air time. The same caller brought into question Rabbi Lerner's claim to being a Rabbi, a question he never fully answered. When you have a guest who unfairly consume 'air time' it diminishes the quality of the program. The Rabbi obviously had an agenda to promote and you gave him a forum for the promotion of that agenda. This all takes place at the expense of your caller-participants, which, to me, is the characteristic about *The Washington Journal* that I really enjoy. It is very interesting to hear actual, ordinary citizens call and be given the opportunity to express an opinion. When your panelists monopolize the time by talking non-stop; caller air time is lost and your very commendable effort to get citizen input is reduced. Maybe you need a timer, a chess timer would do, so as to curb people of "Rabbi" Lerner's ilk.

My criticism is constructive criticism because I surely do enjoy C-Span. The morning programs are my favorites because they are usually very interesting and quite informative. I have to admit, it is difficult for me to watch the House or the Senate in operation for an extended time. How in the world do those senators stand the 'slow-motion', unproductive speed of the Senate operations?

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Keep up the good work Mr. Lamb, C-Span is truly an excellent citizen service.



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