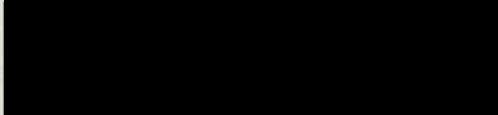
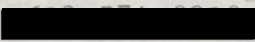


The Cable TV companies that support C-Span give the American people a better understanding of the real centers of power in government and the private sector. This understanding will eventually lead to a more effective and informed electorate. When one sees his elected representatives in action in the environment of their jobs opinions are formed that election year rhetoric will ~~not~~ change very little. These opinions would be less vulnerable to change through political advertising and as a result the money spent by any candidate in an election would become of less significance. Elected representatives would then be free to act in the best interests of the people and special interests would have less significance and influence.

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C-Span brings to focus the great diversity in the American people. However, it is evident that significant numbers have been indoctrinated to hold extreme narrow views that when organized politically can threaten the very system that results in the great diversity which is the real strength of America. C-Span is interesting because of this diversity. America is healthy because this diversity exists. This diversity is most evident on C-Span in the call-in programs, the House sessions, and other events covered by C-Span.

C-Span provides me with the raw facts from which I make up my own mind about the issues without the distortions of commercial and political advertising. Common sense suggests that sources dependent on commercial and political advertising dollars would slant information so as not to antagonize their patrons.