

I watch C-Span because I feel that I "get the picture" and not just the frame.

Condensed and compact may be fine for soups and cars but I prefer my news and views to be wide...broad...expanded...complete.....

C-Span offers balanced interviews with newsmakers, news reporters and news analysts, not to mention a newsworthy populace. This means a spectrum of opinions. An intellectual smorgasbord with daily entrees of house or committee hearings. This gives me an opportunity to consider, to evaluate, to participate, if I choose, and ultimately to "chew my own cud" as my grandfather might say.

I am impressed and proud with C-Span's daily demonstration that the local town hall attitude still prevails in America. C-Span has extended the towns' boundaries and the halls' capacity but it proves that our citizens are alive and well and living in America.

I also watch C-Span because I believe it fulfills its obligations as television. Responsible television has an obligation to teach and to entertain. As for the success of C-Span as an entertainment vehicle I would quote Webster who defines entertain as: 1. to hold the attention of; interest; divert; amuse 2. to consider 3. to keep in the mind, maintain 4. to keep; continue. Personally, I believe it offers drama, humor, wit and controversy and I dub it "National Hospital".

Finally, I watch C-Span because of Brian. He has this low key, attentive manner that seems to elicit confidences and makes even a talk show "groupie" sound erudite. In addition, he has introduced me to newspapers, periodicals, editors, and publishers that I never knew existed. I think his segments illustrate the potential of television journalism. I must also recognize the contribution that others must make in the production, format and research of the programming.

This contest only offers an incentive for me to say "thank you".

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