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"I Watch C-Span Because"

Television is said to be "the window of society," a quote used out of context but just as relevant as first used. We as constituents depend on television to bring society to us but are not always able to receive this information because of the barriers of time. C-Span has broken down the walls that block our visions of reality. The programming allows viewers to see the world in action. We no longer have to wait until the "Six o'clock news" to see the day's events, we just need to turn on C-Span. We can see broadcasting live and uncut as a result of the C-Span coverage.

The philosopher John Locke said that governments are instituted among the consent of the governed. When this government of the United States of America decided to secure its independence, it used that quote. Today we still believe that people have the voice in their government. How can people have a voice if they don't understand how their leaders operate, or what those leaders are saying. We vote for officials who will serve our best interest but were not always able to view their actions.

To be able to turn on the television set and see the world around you, is in itself a remarkable experience, but to be able to turn on your television set and see officials from around the country and the world is an ecstatic sensation. I have always wanted to go to the Capitol and view my government and I am amazed that my government comes to my home anytime I wish. C-Span has provided me the comfort and security of my own home and the valuable insight of knowledge.

In most schools around the country, government is a required course. The educational establishment feels it is necessary for students to gain the appreciation of the Democratic system. Also the make use of our powers that we control over our government. Most psychologists feel that one gains through the practical application of knowledge. By voting, writing your congressman, by speaking out on issues of concern and by viewing the process of decision-making one gains the enlightenment of the political process. All of these factors help to make us aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our American society.

It is through education that we gain the necessary consciousness that we will need to function in the world today. C-Span provides me with information that might have taken days to receive or that wouldn't be published. Imagine if the Romans had such an opportunity, they might have been able to save their empire. We are given such a chance. C-Span provides us to better emphasize our rights. Thank you, C-Span, for making me a better person. It is for these reasons that I watch C-Span and will continue to watch. Television is definitely the mirror of society and C-Span, your mirror shows the best reflections.

Thank you,