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C-SPAN VIEWERS PROVIDE INAUGURAL COMMENTARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- While other networks were broadcasting the commentary of news anchors and reporters following President Bush's inaugural address Friday, C-SPAN opened its telephones to viewers who called with comments about the speech and the day's events.

C-SPAN's cameras scanned grounds of the Capitol, focusing on dignitaries and ordinary Americans who witnessed the speech, as the network took 43 calls in 30 minutes. International calls came from Bangkok, Thailand; Jakarta, Indonesia; Guadalajara, Mexico; and Amman, Jordan.

Here is a sampling of what C-SPAN's viewers had to say:

Nampa, Idaho: "I really appreciated his speech. I think the thing is that he is really challenging us, everyone in Congress, the people of the United States, to really cooperate and make this the greatest land that it really should and can be."

Mount Clemens, Michigan: "I was let down because I was waiting for a lot of substance and I didn't see any. Some, but not much, material came out of it. I thought he would do a much better job of making a speech, to be a little more specific."

Bangkok, Thailand: "I'm a Democrat, but I thought the speech was very moving. I enjoyed it a lot. I just sort of liked his grass-roots approach, the way he was talking about the basic freedoms we all take for granted as Americans. It's still something that's very important even after 200 years."

Seattle, Washington: "I was persuaded to vote for George Bush because of the "Gray Fox" (Barbara Bush), and I think maybe I made the right decision in watching his talk today."

Denver, Colorado: "I wish he also would have touched on racial harmony. It was not spelled out at all. This should have been the time to put it on the front burner."

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10:00 am ET LIVE

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