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I watch C-Span because:

It is inovative in TV programming, but is continually seeking new ways to bring news to the viewer.

Even with the contract with the US House of Representatives to cover their proceedings gavel to gavel, which obviously uses takes up air time with things that at times are not very interesting, C-Span generally seems to make maximum use of recording technology to give us a lot of very interesting programming. Examples are the speeches at the National Press Club in Washington, also various hearings in the Senate and House. Being on the air twenty four hours a day makes it possible for the viewer pick up some interesting programming at 5:30 am as well as 11:30 pm. Broadcasting the entire news conference of the black leader that has been giving Jesse Jackson some political trouble of late was an excellent idea, not because I, or very many other Americans are very likely to agree with him, but it certainly gave the American people a much better chance to make some judgments about who the man is, and what he is about, than could have ever been possible with what we were getting from, ABC, NBC, CBS, and even PBS which generally gives us in depth coverage of NEWS and personalities. To give you an idea of the faith that I have in C-Span, I'll make a prediction. MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour did a segment on tonight's program on tax reform with Senator Bill Bradley and others. While Mr. Bradley spoke with some confidence, another guest was almost adamant that there would be no tax reform because too many people with political clout would be against it. I believe that C-Span has the where-with-all with interviews, coverage of the House, and probably most important of all call-in programs that give the public a chance to be heard in a way never before possible, to be an integral part of getting tax reform passed in the Congress.

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