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Though I'm a C-Span "slave," I have never gotten through to the Wash. Journal, calling from California. (Not your fault; the phone company cuts me off after a number of rings.) So, I have no personal axe to grind except as a viewer.

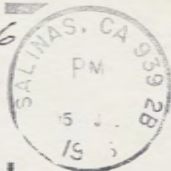
But, I'm saddened to see "political correctness" (quotas) come to C-Span under the rubric of "fairness," by splitting lines.

I've always bragged to my friends that C-Span doesn't filter calls. I can no longer say that. You now have a filter. Under the previously open phones, I detected more "phone bank" calls from the liberals than the conservatives, as they all use the same tactics and the same words (possible exception... NRA). I agree with one caller who said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

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One plea... please don't divide the lines after events, like the debates. The calls are the "polls" on which regular viewers rely.

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