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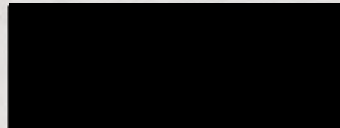
Dear Mr. Lamb:

I saw your morning show the other day when you got some callers saying many of your guests tilt to the conservative side. You stated that "if you haven't seen criticism of President Bush you just haven't been watching." I have been watching, and it's true there is a lot of "Bush-bashing," but it's coming from the right, by people who feel he has capitulated to the Democrats in Congress. We rarely hear real left perspective critiques of newsmakers on C-SPAN. I saw Christopher Hitchens once earlier this year, and we heard from a Village Voice reporter during the New York primary, but other than those two occasions it seems to be a steady diet of people from Time magazine, The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, and especially The Washington Times. That organ is the most prominent voice on C-SPAN.

A good example of bias in choice of guests could be found yesterday. There was a Money magazine editor on who flatly stated that Bill Clinton's play-or-pay health care plan would levy a 7% payroll tax on employers. Mr. Clinton has explicitly denied that his plan calls for this new 7% tax, although he has been vague on this issue. (I prefer a single payer, national health insurance program, it's workable--see spring '92 Dissent). Of course your moderator is not a Clinton representative, but untruths or distortions should not go un rebutted. It is his duty to clarify for the audience Mr. Clinton's stated position.

I'm sure you get letters like this all the time; I'll bet it's exasperating. But when I became a C-SPAN viewer at first I was amazed at how non-partisan you, and your shows, appeared. Now I watch C-SPAN I or II a little each day, and there's no doubt the left is excluded. I'll still be viewing you every day.

Sincerely,





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