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Dear Brian Lamb,

I watch your channel, and Washington Journal all the time. I've tried to get through for years, and never can. Today, I was told "you wouldn't accept a phone with a block on it". Well, I don't have a block on my phone. Never have, and never will. Won't pay the extra amount to do so.

I notice people on the east coast get through to you so much that you know many by name or voice, because they can get in whenever they want to. When you had it set up for areas before, the west coast was well represented, and I didn't hear you telling so many that they had called in the last 30 days. Here in the west, we'd like to call and get through in 30 years.

The old way was better for another reason. We got a better idea of what the nation (voters) were feeling. By limiting it to Liberal, Conservative or Moderate, you are controlling the outcome, and you aren't getting a representative view like the old way. I've noticed the country seems to go a lot by the way they hear others. I sure wish you'd change it back so we could see who cared enough to call in by area, because one area has different feelings and beliefs than others.

You're getting a very biased, and false view of peoples beliefs in the way you're doing it. It's like you are controlling a poll. Open it up again, and lets see what the whole country thinks - not just the east coast. I know I feel the east has no idea of what the west is about, except for Hollywood, and maybe Silicon Valley. There are a lot more things and beliefs here. For instance, our area in the high desert is very, very conservative, but I haven't heard anyone from our area get on your lines for months and months. We have to be up pretty early to watch you, (4 am) and be able to call. IF we can't get in to give our views, we lose interest and don't watch any more. I think you've lost a lot of west coast viewers for that reason. Remember, it's really early for us out here. That's why using the phone number for the west coast area alone is really needed again, so we can have a chance to voice our opinions. Why don't you show G. W. Bush whole speech on education that we only heard the one part against Congress & Christians before? And, why don't you show all of Conservative programs speeches, and Christian Coalition speeches? We can't see it if you don't show it. You and other media are controlling which candidates we see. We only have t.v. and you to see what they're saying for ourselves. You're letting us down.

FAX TO WASHINGTON JOURNAL C-SPAN

FROM [REDACTED] - APPLE VALLEY, CA [REDACTED]

I have been trying to call in, and tried the first two numbers you list, but I keep getting a recording that you will not accept calls from phone numbers that are blocked. Something is wrong somewhere, because my number is not blocked. I wish it was many times, but it is not. There's something wrong at your end, I think. My long distance is A T & T.

I was trying to talk concerning the logging issue. My husband worked in logging for many years - every phase of it from falling trees, to hauling them to the mills. We learned from the experience, that logging is the best thing for the forests, because lightning can hit trees and kill them anywhere, and they go dead, and sometime will fall. They are called "widow makers", because they land on people and kill them. Also, when loggers are in the woods, and the lightning starts a fire, loggers are the first people to get to them, and use their equipment, whether shovels, or tractors to put them out. My husband put many a fire out, when he was the only one working and a fire began.

The animals are totally protected by loggers, and as soon as they are finished logging in their areas, they have new space to live in. Loggers will pick up whole homes of animals and place them in a safe area, so they won't kill them. They don't even kill snakes, unless they happen to try to attack them. But, all that underbrush is what catches on fire, and kills the rest of the forests. When a "clear cut" has been done, the forest service (who marks the trees to be taken out in all areas) and the loggers put everything back in place as much as they can, and usually it is in better shape than before. The forest service replants younger trees, that will grow strong and healthy. When the growth is too thick, the smaller trees die because they can't get any sunshine. Sometimes the forest service doesn't want the road kept open, so it is put back in the shape they found it, and is not open. But, when they do want it opened up to go on to a new area, the loggers are responsible for making the roads, as part of their contract.

Loggers are the friends of forests. Sierra Club and other environmentalists are the killers of forests, and with it animals, because as the forest dies, so do the animals living in it. Look at Yellowstone. It had a terrible fire several years back, and had to be clear cut, and now there is all kinds of new growth coming back. Natural fires happen anyway, but they are not the best way of controlling forests, and keeping the trees and animals healthy and safe. Logging is. Loggers love the woods. They wouldn't do anything to damage them. Granted, many years ago, some did do

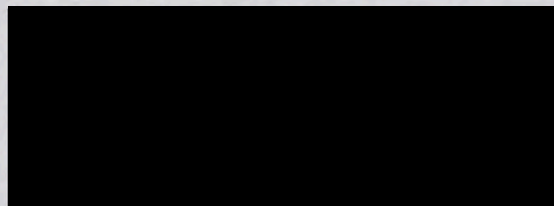
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damage when they clear cut, and left - as we've seen in one area in Oregon, but that is illegal now, and has been for many, many years. We were first involved in logging in 1966 and by 1972, the Sierra Club had shut logging down in Calif. They are extreme, and their ideas are nuts. They just don't know what they're talking about. And, they're the ones who hammer stakes in trees so that if a logger tries to cut it down, that stake will come out and hit the logger and kill him. Those stakes can also kill the trees. No, they have no idea of the truth of the matter.

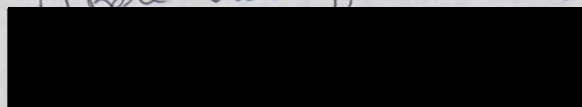
We'd still be in logging if there were the jobs. Many hundreds or thousands of men lost their jobs thanks to the extremist environmentalists. Their ignorance destroys lives jobs, land, forests, and animals. And, there is a whole lot of forest land left that should be MANAGED, not ignored.

So, where do we get our wood for building homes and other buildings? We buy it from Japan, or Canada, etc. So we spend our money out of country. Pretty dumb, when we have the best trees here, and could harvest them much cheaper, and safer, and healthier for our forests.

I've noticed that the majority of people who want to shut logging down in the west, are from the east coast. They know nothing about the west and how things are done here. They should keep their noses out of it. You on the east coast live in a whole different world than we do in the west especially in mountain and desert areas. We'd appreciate it if they'd stay in the east and leave our end of the U.S. alone, and let us manage it the way that is best.



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Why is your FAX line never open?
Why can't we in the west get through on phone line?

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