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I Watch C SPAN because:



It makes me feel much better about our Country. I will VOTE...

I had found in reading the Daily papers and listening to the local T.V. news I had begun to feel there's no hope for our country..It's one tragedy after another. It was a hopeless feeling, almost to the point of desolation, will my Vote matter?

Then I turned to C SPAN for a few weeks...and this is what I Discovered.

I heard Peter Herder, President of the "Home Builder's Association" A third generation builder, a businessman, begin to talk about "Ethics" "Quality" and a concern for families and singles to have their own homes..He came across as a warm, sensitive, genuine man. I found HOPE.

I listened to Mary Futrell, President of the Teacher's Association. A woman that was addressing the needs of our children and teachers. That saw a need beyond the local and State levels of Government, a concern the Federal Government needs to take action. She was articulate and left you with the impression she could represent her association and work well with any administration, for the good of all concerned.

I found HOPE.....

I watched Senator Hatch, from Utah, his senate committee examined the Equal Rights Amendment. He listened for over eight days to the two sides of the issues. I liked his gracious manner with both speakers.. and certainly the discussions gave us all more facts and food for thought on this important issue. I found HOPE...

I listened to the committee on "Child Abuse" I heard the horrible stories of cruelty and abuse. And what happens to the victim, when they are removed from the home, I felt devastated. But then I heard a policeman a case worker from Va. that had worked for eleven years in this area. I heard his knowledge of the problem, his high ratio of confessions, and felt his frustration how these confessed abusers walk away free from any sentence...yet he was here testifying, not walking away, and bringing the problem to the committee and the people. through education we will make changes. I Found HOPE...

Then I watched the Committee on the "Rights of the Victim" I saw the Mother of four boys that had been murdered in her home, at the 'whim' of other young men for 'kicks' and I saw her tell the story, which she had told more than a hundred times, she was quite composed, until she told about this past Christmas "She baked four Gingerbread Houses to give to four other children, it was her best Christmas since her sons had been murdered" and the tears began to flow..The cameras moved to the audience all we wiping away tears, as I was. It reminded you of the terrible problems in our nation..but the Human Spirit of helping to bring about change is within all of us. It is courage and compassion at its best. I found HOPE.....

In conclusion I like the discussion of the daily newspapers, I find it gives me an in-depth view of the coverage. The debates of the Candidates, and coverage of the President were most helpful. It helped me choose my 1984 presidential candidate. I will Vote, for I do count, I can bring about change, when change is necessary. Thank you C-SPAN you are "Americas Network"

Sincerely

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I have never been to Washington D.C. It has been dream of mine for many years...I Am sure you can tell I do not earn my living typing please excuse my errors. I have HOPE