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Please pass my comments on to Mr. Brian Lamb. This fax is being sent in deliberately after the conclusion of this morning's C-SPAN.

Dear Mr. Lamb,

I hope you will take the time to read my following comments as I believe I represent the feelings of many of your disillusioned viewers. The fax I sent in this morning was done in haste and didn't include many of my thoughts regarding the direction you have taken C-SPAN. This may be helpful to you if you have an open mind. If not, so be it.

The proof is in the pudding. The very revealing evidence that fewer people are watching is when in the past few weeks we have heard something that we had never heard in the past, and that is:

"We have some lines open."

It started when you became "politically correct" by having three lines open, instead of the one, but it allowed you to achieve your goal: That of allowing "Clinton bashers" of not expressing how they felt about this president, when you said, "I'm tired of all the Clinton bashing, so I'm going to take care of them!", Your original policy of letting people call in, first come, first serve, was probably the most democratic and it was the first time that any of us conservative had an avenue to hear our suppressed voices, but you made sure you cut off those voices that yearned to be heard.

- Then we could only call in if you were discussing a certain topic.
- Then you came up with, you could only call in with a newspaper article that was of interest to the caller.
- Then you came up with, you could only call in with a newspaper article of *that day* that was of interest to the caller.
- And even then, you are not consistent for when someone calls in and they are cut off because they "did not have today's article," while another person calls in under the same conditions, same program, but you allow them to make their comments, usually if it is a liberal comment.

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More and more you set restrictions on your viewers and now I find that I, along with other viewers, do not have this urge, this "need to know" to watch C-Span that we once had, and believe me, Mr. Lamb, you used to begin my day. No longer. If I watch it fine. If I don't, fine again.

And if I wanted to watch liberal journalists such as George Curry, I can always watch CBS, NBC, ABC, and CNN. That decision to let Mr. Curry host was probably one of the worst decisions you have ever made. At least with Susan, Connie, Lew, Paul, and JJ, we could only guess what their politics are, although we have our suspicions. But with you, now, there is no more guessing. You, in essence, have turned C-SPAN into another mouthpiece of the liberal media, with a little conservatism thrown in to show that you are unbiased. It's not working.

With these actions, you have destroyed any credibility you once had with your viewers.

This is sadly signed by a viewer who once thought C-SPAN, and you, were the best thing since sliced bread.