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EXCERPTS FROM THE C-SPAN LIVE VIEWER CALL-IN PROGRAM
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Guests: Ben Bradlee, Vice President-at-large, The Washington Post
Sally Quinn, Author and Journalist
Mr. Bradlee and Ms. Quinn appeared as part of a Live Viewer
Call-in series on Washington Couples

BRIAN LAMB: Philadelphia, you're next.

CALLER: Good morning Brian. Good morning to your guests, Mr. Bradlee and Ms. Quinn. Being a blue-collar fellow from Philly, I've often heard the beltway media's out of touch with my part of America, at least. In listening and watching this morning, I certainly feel a certain arrogance and smugness from both people.

BRIAN LAMB: Can you define that?

CALLER: Yeah, I never think, in a million years, I would sit next to either person in a restaurant, perhaps they would never move into my neighborhood, and perhaps they would never see what I see and I think that comes across in the Post.

MS. QUINN: Why don't you come for dinner some night to our house? I bet you'll have a good time.

CALLER: I don't think you'd ever have me, Ms. Quinn.

MR. BRADLEE: Oh, come on.

MS. QUINN: Write Brian. Give us your name and address and we'll have you for dinner. I promise you you'll have a good time and we'll invite some of our friends and you'll have a good time with them, too.

BRIAN LAMB: If you don't take them up on that, Philadelphia, you're crazy. Go ahead, Mr. Bradlee.

MR. BRADLEE: You know, you are asking us questions that force us onto certain subjects. If you want to talk about chainsaws and working in the woods, or if you want to talk sports with me, I'll talk to you until you can't have it anymore. If you want to talk about fishing, if you want to talk about a lot of the things that you do, but I don't get asked questions about that.

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BRIAN LAMB: Caller?

CALLER: That's why I believe that you don't connect with us; you just don't see my world.

MS. QUINN: You don't know that.

BRIAN LAMB: Tell us a little bit about your world. What do you do for a living, how much money do you make, if you don't mind saying so?

CALLER: I have two college degrees. One is an associate in nursing. One's a Bachelor of Arts. I'm a registered nurse. I work nights.

MS. QUINN: Well, as you know, both of us have done a lot of work for Children's Hospital. I'm on the Board of Children's Hospital. I spend an enormous number of hours at the hospital and I know a lot about hospitals. So, I think you and I would have a lot to talk about.

CALLER: That good work, notwithstanding, Ms. Quinn, and it's wonderful you do, but there's an air, and I can't describe it any better than that, that the media has and you two look like socialites.

MR. BRADLEE: Well, I'm all dolled up. I mean, I agree; this is my socialite costume, but this isn't what I'm comfortable in.

MS. QUINN: It's the pearls.

BRIAN LAMB: Now let me ask you, caller. They've invited you to come to dinner. Would you do it?

CALLER: Yes, I would.

BRIAN LAMB: Well, one of the ways, if you just write me a letter care of C-SPAN, I'll pass it onto them and we'll be looking forward to your visit to Washington. Thanks for calling.

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