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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

As a cable user, I enjoy C-Span and C-Span II. C-SPAN is paid for by cable users. If we are going to have this as a government channel it should be just for that purpose.

As a cable user and contributor, I do not want the following:

I do not want to hear or see TV and newspaper "stars" running any CSPAN programs, meetings, or seminars. I am sick of them holding seminars talking about what we think of them. They are corporations not government.

I do not want to watch a radio program...how boring! To interview them about their format and political message is ok if they aren't national radio programs.

I do not want to see CEOs and other executives giving their political opinions and talking about their corporations on CSPAN.

I do not want to see the British Parliament on CSPAN. It is our "American" government channel. Why British and not other countries? Weekends are prime time. Why the British government at prime time? How about 3 Am if at all?

I do want to see a funeral of a newspaper/TV/radio/movie personality. A government official is ok.

What do I like?

I like to see and hear the Congress.

I like the coverage of federal and state government events and press meetings (without talking heads during and after).

I like the special travel, government history series, historic places, White House events and staff, etc. programs.

I like the interviews of the new representatives and senators.

I like the "Race for 2000" series in various parts of the country. I'd like more coverage of 3rd parties.

I like caucuses by various representatives and senators.

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I like the book reviews on government, historical figures, etc. I don't want to see Tom Brokaw or Bill Bennett, authors on ethics, religion, and political agenda getting free press coverage for their books on conservative agenda.

I like your coverage of various federal hearings and investigations, like the Ways and Means Committee hearing on U.S. Trade, etc.

What would I like to see in the future?

I would like to see the League of Women Voters group especially around election time. A special on why we should vote because of the many struggles of the past.

I would like to see interviews of all sitting representatives, senators, and governors during the year. Interviews are so much more personal and informative than speeches.

I would like to see more interviews of cabinet and federal agency heads. The White House Press head also.

I would like to see more citizen group activities, seminars, on the environment (Wild Life fund, Sierra Club, Green Peace, etc.). Not just a few times a year. I've seen some on coastal concerns which were excellent.

I would like to see more special programs on holidays and prominent government figure's birthdays. How we celebrate them, why, etc. We don't celebrate George Washington's birthday anymore. He is the "father of our country".

I would like to see programs on federal employee union groups (their concerns, programs, legislation, etc.). Huge unions such as teachers, steel workers, farmers, etc. and their governmental policy concerns would be interesting.

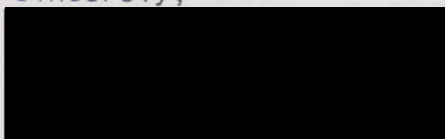
I would like to see more stories and interviews with service people both domestic and overseas (Navy, Coast Guard, Special Forces, etc.). How they are living, what they are doing, etc.

A series around the Constitution and Bill of Rights might be timely.

If we remove the British Parliament and obvious groups with religious agenda, we might fit it all in!

Thank you for your/your staffs public service in bringing us CSPAN.

Sincerely,

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