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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I commend your well-meaning, but overlong and repetitious program on Northern Ireland.

I criticize as loudly as I can your egregious omission of the single most important effort to bring the warring parties together which has taken place in this century.

In the early 1970's two Ulster women, one Protestant and one Catholic, joined forces to bring an end to the insanity in Ulster.

They struck a spark in their country and almost immediately achieved world-wide recognition for their efforts. I believe they visited the US and were received at the White House.

In 1976 Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams jointly received the Nobel Prize for Peace.

From that day to this, they have disappeared from public view.

In your ostensibly exhaustive examination of the Ulster problem I heard not one word of acknowledgement of what these brave women accomplished or what has happened to them since. Are they alive or dead? What has happened to them and to their movement? What lessons have the northern Irish learned from their efforts?

Your failure to even mention them, let alone their story -- one is perversely reminded of Lysistrata -- is a serious journalistic lapse which raises questions in my mind about the infallibility of C-SBAN.

Yours truly,
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