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Dear Mr. Brian Lamb,

1. The other day you had a Mr. Cohen on, a journalist I think from the Wash. Post. He expressed a number of editorial opinions about a 'botched' ending to the Gulf War, etc.

It is so easy for journalists who in no way take the heat to second guess. He is not about to put his life on the line, nor even be considered for command responsibility. His opinions carry very little weight in these areas. Properly he could raise questions, however.

And perhaps you should raise questions about possible Israeli sympathies coloring such criticisms and judgements.

2. concerning the Clinton affair, or allegations, are we asking the President, in his office, to be as pure and traditional and as symbolic of moral force as The Queen of England?

Personally, I am revolted by the moralizing breakdowns of American politics — the finger pointing, the false 'moral' tone, the gossip that substitutes for journalism, the 'critical' spirit of 'bring-the-man-down' (to our level). And all

a sinister and pragmatic game that is the reality behind the morality play.

Such moralizing is a joke! and in effect is de-moralizing the nation. There needs to be a ^{sound} political process (rather than excessive legislations or moral paroxysms) to solve political matters. In the present case a strengthening of political party would help: all this could have been dealt with before not after.

Neither the word ~~sex~~ nor politics gets anywhere near the reality of intimate

personal life. There needs
be a respect for that,
that is what privacy in
this case means & think.
There is a degree of
difficulty that public men
and women face in their
personal lives that is
not being appreciated. The
line is crossed when personal
ethical problems interfere
with good governance.
The rest of the time personal
morality should remain
in the background and
not played out in 'press
dramas'.

We are in need of
real leaders, of courage,
intelligence, and conscience.
And we are destroying them.
Yours Truly,
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