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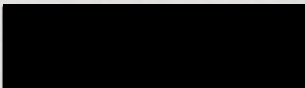
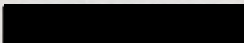
Like a mind-altering drug, C-SPAN gives me a daily dose of the substance that keeps me going: open debate about the world around us.

I've devoted most of my life to the communication of public policy issues. It warms my heart to know a camera is always focused on the people who shape our future. Maybe some of it gets through the minefield of mindless drivel that dominates our public media.

C-SPAN shows our country at its best--and its worst. Unedited. Old people, young people, black people, brown people, gay people, disabled people, and ordinary people are on it and watch it. That's rare. In fact, there's nothing else like it.

Telecommunications technology is a tool that can teach and can touch the hearts and minds of us all. C-SPAN puts that tool to work.

Thanks for giving us a fix on life.


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