

To whom it may concern,

I have been as avid a television watcher as the next guy with the caveat that for the years 2004 - 2011 I lived outside the country. Having lived outside of the US, I was exposed to a variant of the television offered in the US. Sports were shown from the US as well as shows that either due to popularity or distribution costs that made them viable were broadcast.

The real thrust of this comment is that the host country's broadcasting, had several things to recommend it...its focus seemed to be to educate its populace. and contrastingly there seems to be less than 1 percent of education or learning associated with the broadcasters within the US...

I was under the impression that FCC licensing required certain standards of broadcasters....and no doubt there are ways that those networks have made those standards fungible....however I would like to suggest that other than CBS's Sunday Morning having its quaint profiles of interesting people, and Jeopardy that there be something more along these lines, that would essentially show and elucidate that "we" are more united than divided between cops and robbers, or oddball, or warring families of one sort or another.

America use to have a more limited number of media outlets which I guess at least promoted similar viewing habits which allowed for a more shared experience throughout the land, and prompted "watercooler" chit chat.

What passes for content now is disjointed, segmented and divisive.....

I would like to see, although not sure how it would be enforced is more intellectually challenging , learning based programming.

I think that showing how ,someone starts a business, or how someone makes a shovel, or any other actual doing instead of recriminative blame and opinion yibber yabber would lend itself to expanding the myopic woolly headed thinking that passes for intellectualism these days.

When "man on the street" questioning results in folks not even having basic knowledge of history and current events, gets big yucks on late night talk shows there is something lacking in our public discourse.