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Dear Ms. Rehm,

Thanks for your good oped piece in the post 6/30.

But I think you could have gone farther.

Clinton assured what has happened to him and the airing of those who amount to Amerinazis like Limbaugh by not restoring the Fairness Doctrine that was wiped out by those with much to hide and a preference for loudly irresponsible talk shows. Which they indeed did get.

So, why not start a clamor for its restoration? We surely need it!

What you said about talk shows summarized by "providing balance" is not, of course, limited to Limbaugh.

Take Washington Radio and TV and the subject that amounts, among other things, to a de facto coup d'etat and the government's so called investigations of it.

When the knowingly mistitled Case Closed appeared its author, who has trouble telling the truth <sup>now</sup> by accident, was aired extensively and repeatedly, with what he knew was dis-information. He knew his book was on its key points plagiarized, he knew it was dishonest, and it is the most intendedly dishonest book I recall, and he was confident, as was his publisher, that ~~no~~ talk-show host or reviewer would check it out.

Not one did. Jeffrey Frank's Post review was informed by George Hardner that Posner used the partisan work done for an ABA so-called educational presentation as his own and the review indicated that.

But other than that, not a single real criticism of the book or the shyster who wrote it in any article or review of which I know and as of today, I know of only a single <sup>DC</sup> talk show that aired any fruthful account of his book and mine in response, which has yet to be mentioned in print. WFWW aired me and mentioned my Case Open yesterday.

(I'm 81, unwell and cannot travel but I can and do use the phone, but not another station has expressed any interest except a small one in Oregon.)

Case Open has been out for two months. Not a peep from Posner, Random House or any lawyer speaking for either.

Or from a single reporter, a single reviewer, a single writer of oped articles, or a single talk-show host on his or her own.

There are always more issues than can be discussed and no talk show host or hostess can know who is responsible on any subject or who is not but there are few issues that get to the guts of <sup>more</sup> representative society, its viability and to freedom than the assassination and what then and since then the government and the media did and did not do. So, when there is a solid book on these subjects, it is ignored. The problem is, I think, broader than you represent in that fine piece. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg