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BBC Charter Review Consultation
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Consultation Response Report 1- 8

1. **Value of Educational Needs:** More coverage of Educational programmes at peak times rather than at late hours after midnight. BBC coverage is much less than the other Independent channels on educational needs.
2. **Technology Progress:** Far too many BBC Programmes are geared to Digital & Internet and do not take into account thousands of viewers without Digital Box or Internet accesses.
3. **Links:** Not enough programmes allow a proper discussion with live audiences from all minority groups within the Community.
4. **Commercial Services:** The BBC have enough old films and TV serials that are popular for to last into the next century and survive without depending on the TV licence Fee .The sales of these programmes will more than cover the budget required to remake more documentaries and dramas.
5. **Payment:** If the Companies who broadcast and charge their viewers a fee were to pay royalties to the BBC for showing the BBC programmes, then other firms may wish to sponsor drama or talk shows.
6. **Efficient Running:** The BBC has never provided any real service to the viewers over the years nor are they accountable for the reception of programmes.
7. **Regulated:** The BBC like the press should be Independent of Political Bodies like Westminster, or The House of Commons or the House Of Lords. None of the other TV channels have such interference, why the BBC. None of the other Channels receive revenue from the Licence Fee. Secondly the Government has never really acted in the Public interest only from political points of interest to voters or party in Government (Like the Hutton Report).
8. If the public still want to support the BBC then the option to purchase shares in the BBC corporation is the best way for the BBC to be accountable, under Law to shareholders of Companies who are protected and have more rights than TV viewers who pay the Licence Fee. At £120 a year the public would be able to purchase 12 share bonds at £10 each. With interest theses shares might give the viewer a tidy sum to sell or hold on to trade in the Stock market in the future. This being optional of course and freeing the burden of those on low income paying out £120 a year on a tight budget.

Sincerely,
Mr George Barr
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