

From: Mrs C BALGUE

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Dear Sir,

The Future of the BBC

As lifelong listeners and watchers of BBC Radio (Radio 4 mainly) and Television we have come to the conclusion that the BBC no longer justifies its licence fee. We find the quality and style of most of the programmes indistinguishable from the commercial programmes and in the main tasteless cheap and voyeuristic and aimed at most unforgivably - impressionable adolescents. What has happened to the BBC - once the proud upholder of standards of speech and behaviour? We also find the left wing political bias in particular of the news programmes (radio 4) and arrogant sneery attitude of some journalists i.e. John Humphrys, James Naughtie, Jeremy Paxman, Kirsty Wark etc. unacceptable. Greg Dykes offensive comment that the BBC was horribly white followed by the subsequent disproportionately non-white number of journalists on screen merely serves to remind us of the constant abuse of our generosity as a host nation. The constant undermining of our public institutions i.e. Royalty, Police, Politicians, policies etc. has been devastating and political correctness has reached such a level that very few dare stand up and speak honestly and openly.

It will require strong management and determined pruning to set the BBC back on the course to become what it once was - fair-minded, non political an arbiter of good taste, setting standards and making programmes of interest to a wider range of tastes with greater emphasis on culture and arts and music (sadly under represented).

Yours (in hope)

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