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Dear Sirs,

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST
ABOUT THE BBC?

I recently watched a programme (pre-recorded) about Richard Attenborough's work with the BBC. The interviewer was Michael Palin.

What "shone" out - apart from the wildlife, plants etc., was the sheer INTELLIGENCE of the person, the programme maker, who imparted such knowledge via our t.v. screens. This knowledge is imparted in such a way that those who watch cannot in my opinion, fail to learn something. We have so few t.v. programmes which seek to impart knowledge.

Entertainment has its place, we are all meant for joy as well as learning - a lot of other programmes in the media as a whole "teach" us how to look at life - people and situations. Why "teach" (ie. show or tell) people to react violently, with bad language to situations. When with some thought we can be shown a compassionate, intelligent and caring

response to life, which is so varied, colorful and downright funny sometimes. We do not need to be "shocked" to understand the message the programmers seek to impart so vividly.

I am concerned as well, with our children in Society. They do not always understand what they hear or see. However, as they puzzle over what they have seen or heard, they are imprinting the scene or message, on their minds. How can a caring Society permit their young to become so stained in their minds, by hurtful, shocking and foul language and scenes? Could this be the reason for Such violence in the young who have been coarsened by the media's influence as a whole and believe they have a right to "live" out, enact, what they have absorbed? Is there still a 9 o'clock watershed for those of us who do not wish to be offended? In my opinion there is NOT, what are you prepared to do about the offensive material on our TV. Screens and on the Radio?

Yours faithfully,
C. Bailey (Mrs.)