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B.B.C. Charter Review Consultation.

Dear Sirs,

My comments on your seven questions only concern television (of which I am intensely critical.)

1. I value some good boxing programmes, sport, and some drama of high standard. But BBC TV serves the London Chattering classes, cockney and just exclusively well. The rest of us (95% of the population?) get what is left. It is supposed to be the British Broadcasting Corporation, isn't it?
2. We don't want a television aristocracy (which is what we have now), powerful, unelected and self-serving. (At least the government is elected!)
3. Almost any changes would improve BBC1; also the poor, stunted, intellectually sterile talk shows. The moral standards are also "faddy" and getting worse.
5. Licence fee. Too much of our money is going into inflated salaries, and too little into programme content. How it shows.
6. "Very best" hardly squares up with my own names for Channels 4 and 5: "the dirty channel" and "filthy channel," (respectively.)
7. The B.B.C. should be run for the British people (predominantly families, children, adults - living in all our regions.) Not simply the South East. It has truly lost the plot.
8. Family and protection of children are paramount. Family ~~interests~~ representatives, should be on all committees. I don't want our new upwardly mobile, celibate "priesthood." Give T.V. producers and administrators

Short contracts (similar to footballers) — renewable only if they uphold guidelines, particularly those relating to decency and good taste. Perhaps that might give them an incentive to work for the good of the British public, after all.

To ignore the scorn among some sections of the public regarding B.B.C. T.V. seems to me to be potentially dangerous for the future of Britain as a civilized and democratic society. I don't think I am alone in voicing these opinions.

Yours sincerely,

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