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Dear Sir/Madam. Key Questions.

I am writing in reply to your leaflet called Your BBC YOURSAY, being an ordinary member of the public I do not understand how the BBC works bearing this in mind I will try and answer your questions to the best of my ability.

(1). Q. What do you value most about the BBC.?

A. Its value and respect it commands throughout the world, especially America, but it should have a digital Sports Channel, they seem to pop up like mushrooms these days.

(2). Q. How should the BBC adapt to cope with changes in technology and culture?

A. This links with the first question, why does the BBC allow U.K. Gold to broadcast all the best comedy programmes, when it could so easily do it themselves with commercials, and plough back money into the BBC so they will, not want so much money from the licence payers.?

(3) Q. What do you think of Television and Radio on line services the BBC provide ??

A. I cannot answer the question as I am over 75yrs and do not have on line or computer equipment?? and if I went to a Library I would not know where to start.!!

(4). Q. Should the BBC run Commercial Services.?

A. I should like to say yes to this question, but I have always been anti commercial Stations, I call them pirates still, but I feel with modern trends, they could have one station with adverts run of the same lines as Channel 4, this could be BBC 2 TV and Radio 2, this would again help the finances and hopefully lower the licence fee, which incidentally I do not pay see Question 3.

(5) Q. How should we pay for the BBC.?

A. By the licence fee of course, but why does the fee have to keep going up, when it is not necessary with a couple of Commercial Stations this should bring down the licence fee.

(6). Q. Is the BBC organised in the most efficient way?

A. No, its not, it should be run by elected members of the public from all walks of life, not unelected quangos as it is now?? and change them on block every year.!!

(7) Q. How should the BBC be run, how should it be regulated?

A. Much as it is now but keep the politicians out of it, this they will have the last word anyway!

(8) Q. How do we ensure that the BBC is properly accountable to the public?

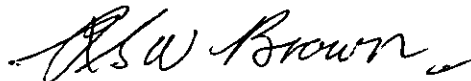
A. Why does it have to be? and who are the ITV and numerous satellite Channels accountable to, nobody!

Next Steps.

More local News on TV and Radio, A T.V. Channel devoted to Sport, why has Murdochs Sky got five Channels and the BBC none? I blame the politicians both past and present who have allowed this to happen!!

I hope my views help to make the BBC even more independent in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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