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1 I do not value the BBC at all.
2 The BBC does not need to adapt . It is a dinosaur. Dinosaurs do not adapt.
3 Radios 1 2 5 & local should be privatised. BBC television should be obtainable by subscription or advertiser funded. Radios 4 5 and World external services funded by the treasury or sponsorship.
4 The BBC should not run commercial services.
5 The licence fee was applicable in the 1920s. It is a tax, the burden of which falls on those least able to pay. What cannot be provided by the private sector should be funded by subscription or treasury grant.
6 The BBC, as a nationalised industry, is wasteful and inefficient.
7 The Governors are now an arm of management. The BBC should come under OFTCOM.
8 The public should have have a greater say in the running of the BBC. When challenged the BBC has always defended itself by saying that it is a "public service broadcaster" but no one has ever determined what that exactly that is. Or perhaps, public service broadcasting is whatever the BBC cares to broadcast.

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