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Here are my views for your consultation.

Please leave the BBC alone. It is the duty of any mature Government to accept that their policies should and must be challenged and, while there are times when this may seem like bias, the public can tell the difference between Government annoyance and Government interference. The BBC, and for that matter ITV, are to be commended for asking hard questions and pushing for honest answers from any elected representative, be they Labour, Conservative or minor party.

Having travelled and worked worldwide over the past twenty years, I can confirm that the BBC are by far the best television company in terms of programme output and quality. But I think that the Government should tell the BBC that, by being publicly funded, they do not have to sink to the level of the commercial channels by producing bubblegum equivalents of Big Brother and killing us off with endless quiz shows, cookery and makeover programmes. They should concentrate on programme quality rather than the current obsession with chasing audience share.

Yours faithfully  
Paddy Burns