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I actually watch less and less BBC programmes and listen to less and less on the radio. Reason? The corporation is increasingly biased in its reporting and in its programming of current and political affairs. The BBC should be and remain impartial.

The increased 'dumbing down' of the programmes on offer is a depressing situation - more and more I find that I prefer to watch Discovery or History channels to see decent documentaries.

Also what has happened to the Beeb's proud tradition of showing plays? At one time famous (and not so famous) playwrights were commonplace - such offerings as - Tennessee Williams, Bertolt Brecht, Ibsen, and more modern playwrights such as David Hare, David Mamet, Dario Fo etc. This cultural bleakness is SO dispiriting to those of us who can't afford and don't particularly want digital technology.

I'm not saying that you have nothing to offer - but on your main two channels you have very little apart from soaps and lightweight programmes that offer little in the way of inducements to really compare with your former magnificent track record!

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