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The method of funding of the BBC should be changed. It should no longer be funded primarily by the TV Licence. The TV Licence should be abolished.

- The TV Licence is a regressive tax.
- It gives the BBC an unfair advantage against competing broadcasters - new companies in particular.
- In the "new world" of digital TV, many people no longer use the BBC - they should not be expected to pay for it.
- The imposition of the Licence Fee is illiberal. Its means of collection, using threat & intimidation, by TV Licensing, is not acceptable nowadays. The punishment for not paying the Licence is often greater than the punishment for assault or burglary.
- The TV Licence has been abolished in many countries.

The BBC should be privatised, with one share being given to every Licence payer. The BBC should then use its initiative to generate income, using some combination of advertising, sponsorship & subscription. The BBC has many well known brands, which could be used to generate income. I am sure that there are many other ways in which the BBC can generate income. The BBC should be regulated just like any other broadcaster. If the BBC is a good a broadcaster as is claimed, then the new BBC plc will be very successful. It will be a broadcaster of which its new shareholders & customers can be proud.

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