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Sir/Madam/Ms, etc,

Re The BBC

The simple problem is that mass communication have made The BBC a powerful political social and economic force in Britain and elsewhere - so much so that no sane democracy can allow it to continue in such alleged "independence" from democratic control any longer.

However the BBC may complain about political interference the truth is that no one elects its employees nor do we all agree with its strongly promoted libertarian views - far less its sinister persecution of anyone or anything considered remotely right of centre in our political life.

It has also built an international platform independent of any British control by turning much of its programmes into blatantly Americocentric parodies of their former selves. Even the simplest Radio 4 quiz is an endless novel to American culture and history in order that BBC "worldwide" can sell it to stations in the U.S. As for the BBC's obsession with Americanised cops and robbery programmes they are a shameful waste of public money. Americans are perfectly capable of

making their own drivels with out our public broadcaster copying them.

Much of what the BBC does to provide foreign broadcasting is of no use to us. What is News 24 for? or The World Service? I sincerely fear that the BBC's well-intentioned but largely uncontrolled meddling in international affairs may bring up on us a catastrophe like the Twin Towers disaster. The Third World isn't ready for feminism!

Which is all very sad and could be reversed if overt but fair democratic control were introduced over news and current affairs public broadcasting.

The lightweight entertainment sector could be split off and placed under a different form of control - hopefully run by someone who thinks the British public are their target audience rather than Americans!

World domination could be taken off the agenda entirely.

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