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I think what I most value about the BBC is it's ability to report accurately and objectively. I think this is a justified description as there are adequate mechanisms in place to ensure that it has been held accountable when this has not been the case. In my opinion, this type of reporting makes an essential contribution to public life, encouraging open, democratic debating about issues that affect everyone. I also think that any review of the way the BBC is funded will have to be very carefully thought out in terms of how much benefit any changes would ultimately be to the public generally and what effects - either adverse or positive - these would have on the BBC as an organisation in the long-term. I think that any changes in this area would have to be based on a rational, constructive response to technological developments which without doubt are going to be increasingly influential in the future. Given the diversity of BBC channels now available to the public, I think on the whole the present funding set-up is reasonable as it does not seem to have led to an unjustifiably large rental increase.

Generally, I think the BBC has responded quite successfully to the challenge of providing an output which has both broadly popular appeal as well as maintaining high production standards. I've also enjoyed some of it's arts coverage (although I think that this area has been comparatively underrepresented in comparison with other areas). On balance, I think the BBC runs a world-class service which also makes a valuable contribution to this society ^{and} which is a credit to this country and that it's effective functioning is worth safeguarding.

Yours sincerely,

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