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To: BBC Charter Review  
Subject: The BBC TV station worth watching

BBC One and BBC Two are the only TV channels worth watching. Having said that both channels still show far too much sport, too many sitcoms, too many repeats and too many "soaps"

Why do we have to suffer the endless screening of "Only Fools and Horses" and the "Vicar of Dibley"? There always seems to be a preference for the South as the location for these boring programmes.

Why not let the commercial channels cater for the "brain dead" majority and give BBC viewers more factual, technology based, historical, cultural programmes. Many years ago the BBC was at the heart of the computer revolution with its programme that was centered on the BBC Micro. As a result Computer Science was taught in schools and it also gave rise to a whole generation of computer programmers. Why on earth does the BBC feel that it has to compete with the commercial channel? Over the last year I have spent no more than 12 hours watching ITV and that was six two hour episodes of "Foyles War". Since I do not like sport and I do not like soaps, there is nothing of interest on the commercial channels. Under no circumstances should the BBC be allowed to show advertisements. In recent years the amount of time and the number of breaks given over to advertising has increased beyond an acceptable level on the commercial stations. But worst of all are the satellite and cable companies. Since we have to pay for the service we should have to put up with any advertising at all. But what do you get, 10 minutes of programme and 5 minutes of advertisements. This should be stopped

Regards  
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