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I would like to register my opinion that the BBC must remain fundamentally as it is. The license fee must remain in place.

Some of the so called 'dumbing down' has occurred because the BBC is forced to chase ratings so that it can counter the Government's accusation that nobody is watching their programmes.

Apart from the excellence of most BBC TV, we also get fantastic radio – news, current affairs (Radio 4) Sport (Radio 5).

In a world of commercial exploitation and uncertainty we have in the BBC a calm, educated, independent voice – lets not loose it.

I've listed below the TV listings for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March 2004  
 I think it shows the difference in quality between the BBC and commercial.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2004

Time	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	FIVE
1900	Holiday 2004 <i>BBC Produced</i>	Art Crime	Emmerdale <i>Soap</i>	Channel 4 News	Five News
1930	Real Story <i>BBC Produced</i>	Flying Gardener	Coronation St <i>Soap</i>	Channel 4 News	Demolition Squad
2000	Eastenders  <i>Soap</i>	Terry Jones Medieval Lives	Tonight with Trevor McDonald	Salvage Squad	Race for the Worlds Tallest Skyscraper
2030	Ground Force	University Challenge	Coronation St  <i>Soap</i>	Salvage Squad	Race for the Worlds Tallest Skyscraper
2100	Your Lif in their Hands	Nevermind the Buzzcocks	Lif Begins	Truth about Killing	A Civil Action
2130	Your Lif in their Hands	Coupling	Lif Begins	Truth about Killing	A Civil Action
2200	News	The Cathrine Tate Show	Tarrant on TV <i>Cheap TV</i>	Without a Trace	A Civil Action

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2004

Time	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	FIVE
1900	DIY SOS	So what do you do all day	Emmerdale <i>Soap</i>	Channel 4 News	Five News
1930	Inside Out Extra	Fat Profits	Coronation St <i>Soap</i>	Channel 4 News	Weapons of World War II
2000	Food Police	Safe as Houses	The Bill	Relocation, Relocation	Roman Colosseum
2030	Animal Camera	Safe as Houses	The Bill	Relocation, Relocation	Roman Colosseum
2100	Family Business	If the Lights go Out <i>Wonderful Important Docu/Drama</i>	Footballers Wives Footballers Wives <i>Cheap Drama</i>	Grand Designs	The True Gladiators: Revealed
2130	Family Business			Grand Designs	The True Gladiators: Revealed
2200	News	The IF Debate - Newsnight	The Impressionable Jon Culshaw	ER	Meet the in- Laws1

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