

28<sup>th</sup> March, 2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: BBC Charter Review.

In response to your request of the public to give its views on the BBC now and in the future I send you the following observations:-

- What I think is most valuable about the B.B.C. is its ability to screen and broadcast programmes that are of specialist interest and therefore appeal to a relatively small audience. This I feel would be lost if it were run on a solely commercial basis. Not all of us exist on a diet of game shows, make-overs and sordid soaps whose main aim seems to be to promote 'the culture of death'.  
I can see no other way of funding the Corporation than through a licence fee.
- What I don't like about the B.B.C. is the way programmes are pushed aside to make way for something else. An extreme example of this was the way the screening time of the television series about the Great War was chopped, changed and for weeks not shown at all. As a result of this I missed what I regarded as important episodes and was thoroughly annoyed.
- Finally with regard to regulation the B.B.C. should not screen or broadcast programmes like 'Popetown' which are deeply offensive to the Roman Catholics of this country. In other words the Christian religion should be handled with the same kid gloves as the other great monotheistic religions - namely Judaism and Islam. And if programmes of a religious nature are shown or broadcast which contain propositions controversial to the adherents of that religion then they should be given the opportunity to have an input into a counter programme which gives their point of view.  
To this end I would appoint a panel who are sensitive to these considerations

as well as such issues as standards of decency, accuracy, impartiality and fair trading. The Governors should be restricted to overseeing how the Corporation is run internally since they have signally failed in all else.

Yours faithfully,

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