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To the BBC:

As someone from a free democracy living now in the UK, I find it strange that there is a state funded broadcasting system at all.

The "news" on the BBC is often laced with opinion and bias. (Examples available upon request.)

To whom are you accountable? Your cricket coverage, occupying hours of time on Radio 4 longwave is baffling in the wake of your spending millions creating a special sports station, (Five), yet you persist in tying up a news wavelength with a marginal sporting activity!

It is appalling to have a compulsory tax on opinionated, ill-informed "news" broadcasting, something that should not happen in a true democracy. Your reporters engage in speculation, further showing up their ignorance and lack of complete facts.

About matters such as the monarchy, unelected lords, official secrets, ministers of government who are also MP's, the separation of religion and state, and many other issues relating to democracy and how it should be conducted, you choose to remain silent!

The BBC should be run like any private company, as are other outlets in this country and abroad.

No more public money for cheap opinions and bias!

Yours faithfully,

Burt Keimach