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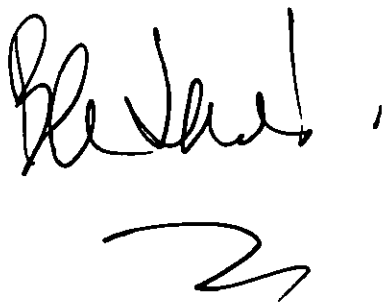
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Dear Sir

My two pennyworth. I think the BBC should be disenfranchised, radically reduced in size, and made to earn it's living in the market place. I find it incongruous that with the vast choice of television, journalism, entertainment, and IT, now available to all of us, we should be taxed to support one of its segments before enjoying the full options. In fact I have never understood why, irrespective of alternatives, other than the dark Anglo-Saxon control syndrome.

However, a further reason for suggesting it's demise rests on its bedrock of impartiality, mandated by it's universal funding. Nothing that lives or thinks is impartial, not even the BBC. As it tiptoes across eggshells, attempting to be all things to mankind it inevitably develops its own version of impartiality which reflects only the outlook of an elitist priesthood, mostly educated in Guardian type Seminaries. My personal view is that BBC journalism and to a degree it's entertainment, for instance East Enders and it's ilk, border on the edge of brain washing, more subtle than its totalitarian forebears maybe, but brain washing non the less. This is I believe the corollary of being a quasi state institution, and although a subscriber since Reithian times I would not mourn its end.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian A Lewis', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.