

## Your BBC Your say

I have just picked up the leaflet. I do not think the questions are well organised.

News - I think this coverage is excellent and I trust it.

Sports- far too much - and all macho stuff. no womens' sports so I do not watch

Arts- here I am really interested but there is so little. I thought BBC2 was for a better level of programmes. Too much sport, too much rubbish and even the Open University has gone.

Too many masculine interest questions e.g. technical in your leaflet. More about programmes.

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I like programmes about people, events, science. On my count 93% programmes are by men, for men and about men.

No look in for serious women. e.g Babbage and the computer- Ada Lovelace did all the maths for him.

Rosalind Franklin 'discovered and photographed DNA' but Wilkins and Crick got the honour.

There is plenty more.

Whatever women do in the news is played down or omitted. A woman journalist first entered Kabul but John Simpson got the credit.

Except Andrew Davies's adaptations of 18/19th century novels, women always appear as supporting roles. They stand around and service or support males.

I can think of one play with a heroine Amanda Burton. What a wimp. Like a convent school girl of the 1950s. Story OK. Why do Linda La Plante's plays have to be repeated? Strong stuff, feisty women-- and the men love it too.

We have a problem in our society, women equal in brains, superior in effort, more degrees but cannot get through the glass ceiling.

Few MPs/ few consultants/ almost no directors/ 95% teachers but male heads 86% artists & sculptors (besides Tracey Emin) Much of this is hatred of women, but if the BBC showed competent, pleasant top women it might help.

The world over, women are raped, murdered and sold into prostitution - doesn't get a mention. Yet this is an appalling scandal.

We hear far more of racism (7% population) and nothing about sexism (52%)

We cannot afford to waste the talents of half the population like this. There are more black men chairing programmes than white women.

One of the best programmes is Womens' Hour. But at what time? 10 am when women with children are still getting the day started and working women like me, are still seeing to the post. Most women I know preferred 2pm I would like midday.

I listen to R4 a great deal Quizzes and such like? 4 men to 1 woman and some are all 5 men.

The Proms. Not a single women composer or conductor.

The women are there but the BBC remains defiantly masculine.

Women should be exempted from the licence fee.

