

BBC CHARTER CONSULTATION
DEPT. OF CULTURE, MEDIA & SPORT
LONDON

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Dear Sirs,

In response to the BBC Charter Review Consultation document "You BBC-You Say" we have the following comments to make:

What do you most value about the BBC?

News, though not the accompanying comment, opinion and bias

Classical drama productions, though not with modernisation, eg. gratuitous sex, violence and bad language.

Sport We did value coverage of major sporting events when they were broadcast.

Family comedy viewing with decent language and behaviour.

How should we pay for the BBC?

In stead of an expensive licence fee, paying for rubbish we don't watch, we would prefer to pay for what we watch. Those who want to watch digital T.V.

should pay for it seperately. A slimmed down BBC could afford to broadcast major sporting events or to reduce the licence fee.

How should the BBC be run?

We consider that standards of impartiality and decency are not upheld as they should be. Self regulation is not working and therefore we believe that the BBC's internal running and its regulation on behalf of the public interest should be seperated.

In conclusion we feel the organisation itself is far too large and bureaucratic, and it needs to concentrate on providing impartial news coverage. This should be seperate from "news and opinion". What is required is a balanced menu of programmes for entertainment and information, all of the high standard we expect from a public service broadcaster.

Many people feel that the BBC is not held accountable for its transmissions.

Yours faithfully

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