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BBC Charter Review Consultation
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
2-4 Cockspur Street
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Dear Sir,

Having been asked to air our views on the BBC I submit the following:

I believe the news and sports covered by the BBC are very good, but that the arts are lagging behind. I also consider that more coverage should be given for the black and Chinese communities and for other ethnic minorities.

As for education - I do not consider it educational for anyone to be subjected to having to listen to swearing, watch what I would term filth up to and including the actual sex act, and see horrendous, violent crimes committed.

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I totally agree with MediaWatch-U.K., of which I am a member, in every stance that it takes, and I believe that the laws on censorship need to be tightened drastically for both before and after the Watershed. High standards of moral conduct need to be set before us, not those of the dregs of society.

I would like to see more of the classics presented in the form of plays, but without all the bawdiness that usually accompanies them now.

Children's programmes in particular, need to be extensively upgraded. What is presented to them as proper viewing is shameful, degrading, and harmful to their morals. They are an incentive towards violence and are too sex-orientated. Not enough educational programmes are included for them.

I do not believe the BBC should run commercial services.

I cannot think of a better way of paying for the BBC than the one which exists now.

Yours sincerely,
Anne Walker