

BBC Charter Review
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Sirs

I - was brought up on hard Reith's dictum. 'To educate & entertain' - loosely on the Radio channels. I feel do a fine job, especially the 3rd Programme - maybe 6 hours per day - & Radio 4. However, I did see the Parovana recently, & with many of my friends - feel the Television channels, have gone 'down market'.

We would like more 'serious' programmes. into the main stream & at peak times - less makeovers & property & food ones, - more Arts, scientific & speakers, on wide political & philosophical subjects - but NOT party politics.

Would it be possible to have one mainly Arts programmes, on one channel as the 3rd Programme, is for music. This to give full opera, ballet & quality drama - such as produced in drama at the National, Royal Shakespeare The British Old Vic - now in the case of the B.O.V to the recent high standard.

There must be many such programmes from all over Europe.

Another channel for Popular & News & Sport.

Yes, the BBC, should run commercial services - besides popular classics, - why not videos of ballets & operas?

on payment; of the license fee - I, would like, maybe a Public Service approach; with NO pressure on audience figures & with a lump sum from Govt. - with no strings attached. It could be done & a outside body - independent - to see the happens

on quality control, a separate body

Music & Drama critics of quality, to issue, say a starred system - to keep up standards - coupled with viewer participation. . . Didn't a system like this exist at one time?

Now, we should be 'grown up' about this - is it possible? Quality programmes will in the end, be for smaller audiences - & the aim, to raise the standard of the overall public. - it has happened slowly with classical music - the Britt aim?

How, do you put it over,? well explain quality to all.

If there are to ~~be~~ be hundreds of channels, elsewhere - why not,? let the BBC do the best - & raise the standard world wide. It, may be more successful than people imagine.

On the running well of course by independent body - or bodies, but with the highest standards. People do not what they are, even if it's not their "cup of tea" - Example Michelangelo recently on international radio - well obviously that should be kept -

Yours sincerely
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As, a example the last years' St Petersburg celebrations - only excerpts I know - but, you did see ^{see} on their faces many leaders, did perk up. Even the ones known as being dull,

Oh, I'm very democratic, always fought for it. just believe, we need higher standards.