

BBC Charter Review Consultation

London SW14 5DH.

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Dear Sirs,

With reference to the above Consultation I should like to make the following points.

- 1/ The BBC in the past has had a reputation for telling the truth and being impartial when covering news items. Recently I feel this reputation has been eroded with news items slanted towards a liberal agenda, especially on moral and ethical issues.
- 2/ Also in the past the BBC was respected for the high quality of its programmes in all departments. In recent years it has 'dumbed down' in content, especially in comedy and drama, so that what used to be called ~~eloquent~~ humour & therefore not fit to be mentioned in normal conversation, is now commonplace, and language fit only for the gutter, is used routinely.
- 3/ The using of 'God' and 'Christ' as expletives is extremely common, and to me and many others is extremely offensive. Why should the Christian faith be singled out for such treatment when the name of Buddha or Mohammed is not?
- 4/ Over the years sex in dramas has become almost obligatory and I have lost count of the number of times

I have watched programmes where it was used quite gratuitously. Are today's scriptwriters so devoid of ideas that the only way of filling up screen time is yet another sex scene?

The BBC could have a role in raising the standards of today's society, as it is well known how much people are influenced by what they watch on television. Instead I believe it has contributed along with the independent channels, to the coarsening of society. Is it not time to remember the words inscribed in the entrance to the BBC at the time of Lord Reith?

Yours faithfully

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