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**RE: BBC CHARTER REVIEW**

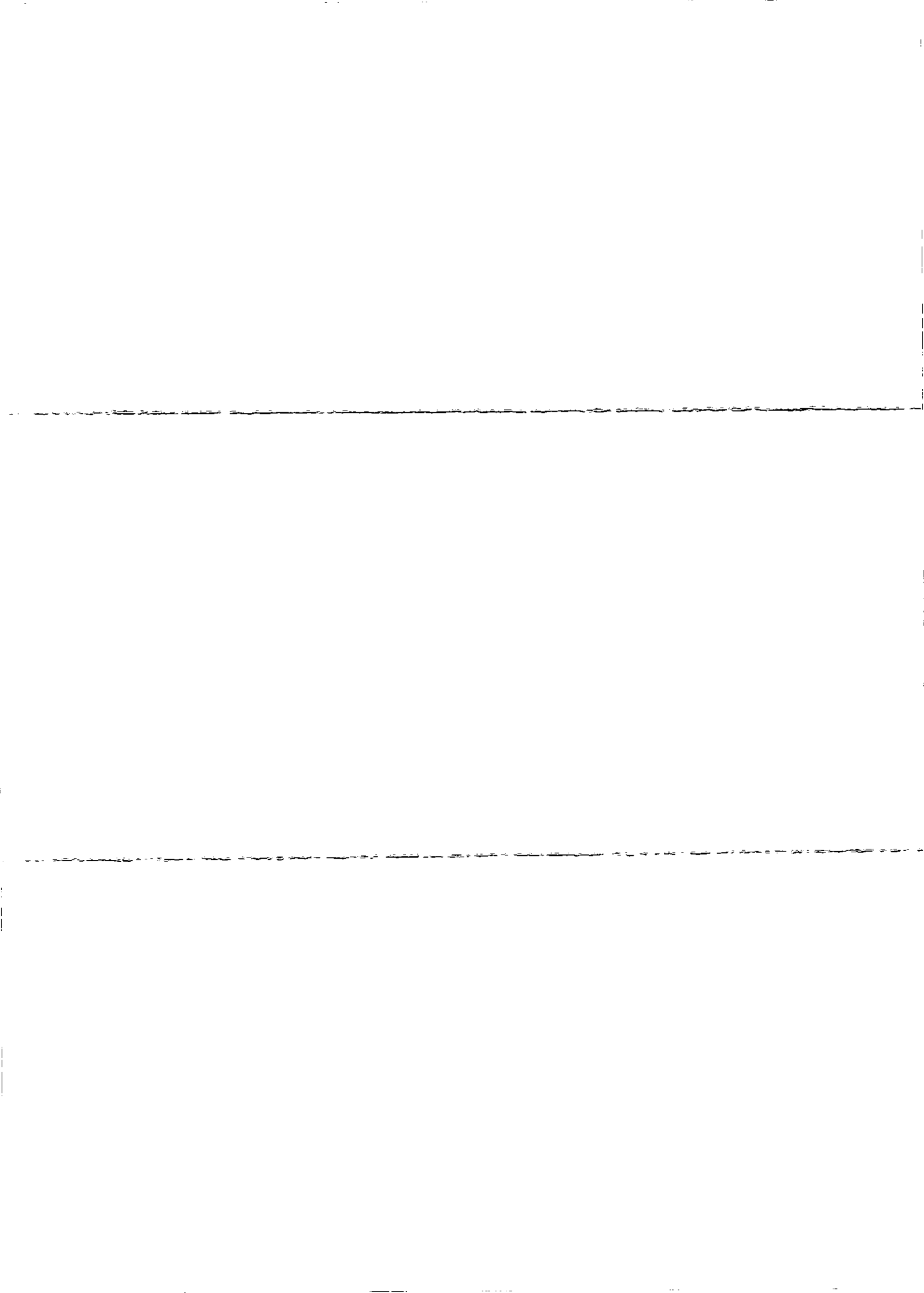
The BBC's appeal to viewers and listeners is diminishing. It has become a propaganda machine for the State (and maybe always was?). Every new political party installed into power swiftly replaces the BBC's administrator's with it's own supporters. Today the BBC, both in television and in radio, has become a spokesperson for the politically correct 'New Labour' government. You only have to listen to Radio 3 or the World Service to realize this. Tony Blair's favourite doctrine's are aired daily. His worshipping of everything African (black African that is), his feminism and political correctness, his hate towards sexual minorities, and his blind love for black American culture. It's turning people off worldwide!

What do I value most about the BBC? Very little these days. I used to love watching Question Time. But, today it has become so PC, and Dimbleby is hopeless. No more Trade Unionist's to speak on behalf of the working class, no more representatives from the left (socialist or communist), just morons from right-wing newspapers, commercial companies, tv personalities (usually right-wing), and other idiots who rarely speak on behalf of the people. The news used to be good, pre-1980's, but Channel Four has more in-depth analysis. Now, BBC News is as bad as Sky, or ITV News. More interested in local crime and sport than what is really happening throughout the whole world.

So: News = Could use a more in-depth analysis of world news. Less sport coverage. Less crime reporting (You're simply making people paranoid with your obsession with sex and murders). More world news.

Sports = Too much of it! Could do with less main-line sport and more minor sport. Re-introduce coverage of youth activities.

I have Digital TV through a set-top box. Apart from the fact that the picture quality is superior, I can offer no other praise. The so-called extra free channels are absolute rubbish. Digital has little to offer anyone. BBC 3 is for teenagers only (not that teenagers watch this rubbish). It should be scrapped as it's a total waste of money. BBC four is full of repeats and seems to be aimed at the aristocracy (are there any of them left in Britain?). Can be interesting sometimes, but programmes are repeated too often, and then end up on BBC One or Two anyway. So what's the point? Cbeebies is full of the usual cheap American modern-day cartoons. I wouldn't brainwash my infants (if I had any) to that sort of trash. Try spending money on better quality cartoons, even if that includes repeats of old-time classics. CBBC is also of poor quality. Do you really think all the nations children are brain-dead? Tracy Beaker, probably the only programme with any interest, is political correctness at it's worse. Tracy is a brat! She's everything a parent dreads. No wonder she's been placed in a children's home (Orphanage as it was once called). Whatever happened to programmes about decent, honest children. Someone for the viewers to look up to? How



about re-introducing programmes that promote 'Britishness'. How about covering Youth movements, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Sea Scouts, The Boys Brigade, and getting children to join up and take an interest in their own country and peoples.

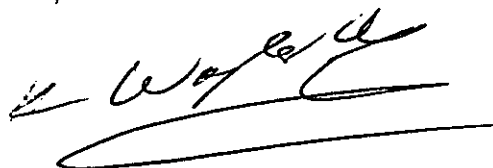
Your commercial services appear to be fine. Except that a large amount of your DVD's seem to be defective. Probably because they are made 'on the cheap'. Otherwise why would so many have defects. I am seriously considering avoiding BBC DVD's. Maybe it's wiser to by ITV and Channel Four DVD's only. I can't recall any manufacturing faults with their offerings.

The Licence Fee is pure robbery. Always has been, always will be. Scrap it! The recent rises are to hefty for the average person on 'just above minimum wage' earnings, and for pensioners. The poor are subsidising the middle classes. After all, the BBC has always been for the middle classes. And, even today, the only programmes which contain working class people are portraying them as thieves, liars, murderers and drunken no-gooder's. People who do nothing all day but shout and scream and threaten each other. It maybe true of some, but do we have to have such trash as Eastenders shoved down our throats. It's an horrific portrayal of everything bad and evil in our culture and life-style. The fools that write such drivel should not be employed by the BBC.

The BBC should never, repeat, NEVER, produce propaganda programmes for the State and it's Law Enforcement Agencies. If it does attempt such things it should be impartial. Showing both sides of the story. To every bad there is a good. But the BBC portrays just the bad. For instance: Terrorists. The BBC portrays them as simply that, terrorists. But to others they may be freedom fighters or liberationists. Were the French Resistance during WW2 terrorists, or civilians fighting a struggle for liberation from the occupying forces? Today the BBC would portray them as nothing more than evil terrorists. Let us hear the views and opinions of both sides.

Please get off the soap bandwagon. Soaps are for pea-brained animals who adore nothing more after a hard days work than to watch scores of ordinary people shouting and screaming at one another. I could go next door if I wanted to watch that! Bring back some CULTURE. British culture that is, not American, and certainly not black American.

Yours,

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Kevin Wagstaff.

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