

# THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST BBC BIAS

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Dear Sirs

## **RE: BBC CHARTER REVIEW CONSULTATION**

We have serious misgivings that a Review of such National and International importance should be dealt with by the Department of a Government which appears to have formed such an incestuous relationship with the BBC. Witness that the recently retired Chairman of the Governors and the Director General were both former Labour Party members / donors. Even the previous Director General Jonathan Birt was a paid up Member of the Labour Party (until it was discovered) and he was recently appointed by Tony Blair as another 'Special Advisor'. We also learn of staff moving between the BBC and Government and from Government to the BBC. How can those associated with such collaboration be expected to undertake this Review with any degree of impartiality?

It's quite clear that the Review should be undertaken by Royal Commission because the BBC exists in consequence of a Royal Charter which requires it to be free from political bias and Governmental influence. It has departed so far from this fundamental aspect of it's Charter, and the other tenets set out by Lord Reith, that it now stands in danger of becoming the highly dangerous propaganda machine about which he warned in the early days of it's formation.

Appointments such as Greg Dyke and Gavin Davis were manifestly following a political Agenda, and any concerns of the BBC being anti-Monarchy, anti-Tradition, anti-Conservative and pro-EU were pursued with vigour following their appointment.

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Our main concern for getting the BBC either un-politicised, or abolished altogether, is it's blatant disrespect for our system of Parliamentary Democracy as evidenced by a fairly relentless mockery and vilification of Her Majesty's Opposition. The role of the Opposition is vital to a healthy democracy.

By recent example (see attached record), it is not the function of BBC Radio 4, upon establishing that the Opposition party had invested in a newspaper advertisement, to set about pulling apart and mocking it's statements, before the public had a chance to read them. Once the BBC learnt a second advertisement was imminent, they made a comprehensive job of it's demolition, again, before we, the public, had time to see the advert and reach our own conclusions. It is emphatically not the BBC's role to try to sway public opinion in the realm of politics, and this must stop.

The above example, with numerous others extending back over recent years, are listed in the attached record. We all lead busy lives but these examples were taken randomly from Radio 4 and so are likely to be the 'tip of the iceberg'.

We urge whoever is considering this Submission to either listen to, or obtain a transcript of the attached examples, if they need any further convincing of the severity of the problem we have with the BBC, under it's current direction.

Yours faithfully

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**ENCLOSURE**  
( 8 PAGE EVIDENCE DOCUMENT)

DATE	TIME	EXAMPLES OF BIAS FROM BBC RADIO 4 PROGRAMMES	SUBJECT
4-Feb-2001	2.05pm	Reference to Britain's special relationship with our principal ally being 'that old cliché'.	anti-USA
6-Feb-2001	8.40am	Set piece ameliorating New Labour's failures. It was on educational reforms in response to the Chief Inspector's concern that many bright and progressive children go from a primary school then get totally bored when they arrive at the secondary school. Instead of asking the obvious question of why this occurs, she asks the stupid question of what form does the disruption take. It was another classic case of amelioration: where something has gone seriously wrong, in swoop the BBC with distraction and trivia.	Shielding government from criticism by trivialising subject
21-Feb-2001	8.00am - 8.30am	- We are treated to two set pieces of anti-Conservative propoganda as the election approaches. Women's Hour programme. How Christine Keiler brought down the Tory Government then announcement "I will be talking shortly to William Hague who wants to bring back the married couple's allowance - well sort of" he will be derided and mocked for reintroducing such a workable and ethical piece of legislation but that doesn't matter. He is a Conservative, so it is time to sneer and jibe. Piece concludes with 'Hague has as much chance of winning the election as a fly' but just to make sure, there follows a tirade of vective against Conservatives. In terms of Parliamentary Democracy, the relentless flow of BBC political propoganda is entirely wrong.	Anti-Conservative Propoganda
8-Apr-2001	8.20am	Anti Monarchy piece on Sophie, usual vicious criticism for the sake of it as if BBC Radio 4 has a mission to warn the British people about the dangers of our Constitutional Monarchy. Most of the bulletin was divisive i.e. criticising things which weren't said as a smoke screen against what was said. Only brief reference was made to her actual criticisms because they were directed at Tony and his cronies.	Shielding government from criticism
9-May-2001		First day of the election campaign so off we go with interviewing Lib Dem person highly critical of Conservatives with no Conservative there to respond. In fact it became yet another example of the BBC treating the Liberal Democrats as the Opposition. Anti-Conservative bias could not be more blatant than that.	Anti-Conservative
14-May-2001	6.50pm	Now they are attacking the USA Film Industry - why don't we relate more to Europe ? Why do we relate to Hollywood ? Interviewee says he wouldn't produce another film there - too hostile - I see the poor Mexicans cleaning their offices; they are the real workers. Criticism, criticism, criticism.	Anti-USA / Pro EU
22-Jul-2001	9.35am	Broadcasting House'. This was as nasty and stupid as anything the BBC has passed as entertainment since Blair put Dyke in charge. It was appalling bias. Is it essential in order to work for the BBC to loathe British Conservative values ? Why don't the BBC 's present incumbents uproot and move somewhere else ?	Anti-Conservative Anti British Values
23-Jul-2001	12pm	The Keoto Agreement signed but without reaching agreement with Japan or the USA. Never in peak time listening did one hear further reference made to Japan's Refusal ; only to Americas.	Anti-USA

8-Dec-2001	11.50am	Possibly the most twisted programme of demeaning rubbish that Radio 4 has elevated in recent times. The theme seemed designed to mock normal heterosexual relations.	Anti-British Values
1-Jan-2002	or 02	The BBC determine to underplay USA triumph in Afghanistan on the day new Government is sworn in - get the text because BBC plugged the death of innocent people version at least 8 times whilst I was listening.	Anti-USA
18-19-Feb-2002		Mockery of our troops by the BBC.	Anti-British values with security implications
5-Feb-2002	8.00am	Anti monarchy - Get actual text.! James Naughtie interviews Billy Bragg commenting on the planned Jubilee Festivities - An ugly voice broadcasts that "they are forcing kids to wave flags"! Worth getting entire transcript from 7.30 - 8.30 a.m.- Includes other nastiness, pessimism and bias against our allegiances and traditions.	Anti-British values
27-Feb-2002	7.30am	Mandelsons resignation followed by that of Byers is trivialised as merely 'fun' complete with background music 'blah, blah, blah, blah - another one bites the dust'.	Shielding Govt. from criticism by trivialising scandal
5-Mar-2002	11.25pm	I caught the end of vile programme mocking Britain in a manner that was quite sick before turning on British Police. Our new BBC at it's most hideous - worth getting a full transcript.	Anti-British values
7-May-2002	11.15pm	More anti-USA indoctrination	Anti-USA
3-Jun-2002	11.25pm	On the day of Her Majesty's Jubilee, the obnoxious BBC put on a joke item of two artists discussing a portrait of Her Majesty formed in excrement and vomit judging it better than Lucian Freuds depiction. Three minutes later they were mocking Prince Charles. What a typical antidote to the love and patriotism showed by countless millions to the embarrassment of the BBC and how typical was their reaction.	Anti-British values, anti-Monarchy, anti tradition
9-Jul-2002	11.35pm	Today in Parliament reveals that a Briton could face trial following issue of Across Boarder Arrest Warrant for something which in Britain was not even an arrestable offence. No reference was made to this being imposed by the EU ! A typical example of the BBC discussing a controversial Regulation or Directive but avoiding to mention that it emanated from EU.	Shielding EU from criticism

20-Aug-2002	letter	The following is an extract from a letter written on this date. 'With a BBC which cant pass a Tory corpse without firing another bullet into it, the Opposition has no chance. The BBC's shameful manipulation of the Archer's programme to alleviate Blair's embarrassment when he mis-read public opinion on GM Crops - 'Archers straight from Milbank' - gave a clear indication of what is going on behind the scenes.	Anti-Conservative Shielding Govt. from criticism
26-Aug-2002	9.25pm	Set piece on farming in which the EU's Directives for Britain are discussed as if they emanated here. Essentially we should give up farming and buy our food from Europe. Of course it doesn't require a degree in history to work out that being self-sufficient with food, is a crucial aspect of our National Security. Typically, the destruction of our farming under CAP is entirely ignored as with any farming programme that I have heard produced by the BBC. They discuss effects but never cause.	Shielding EU from criticism
29-Aug-2002	8.50pm	A man full of hate for America called John Lucas begins a vitriolic tirade - does our greatest ally need this from the BBC day in, and day out ?	Anti-USA
31-Aug-2002		We are treated to the umpteenth Donald Rumsfeld sound bite of the week - Poor old Peter Donaldson's fine and cogent tenor used for this trite and unfunny mockery. Unfunny, because Rumsfeld is their Secretary for Defence, with plenty of real work on his plate, so he doesn't need to be mocked for speaking in a straight manner. I'd rather hear his direct manner of speaking than all the chicanery and subterfuge of those at the BBC who have nothing better to do than mock	Anti-USA
26-Oct-2002	9pm	A swipe at the theme of patriotism in the BBC's 'last days of Britain' theme - get transcript	Anti-British values
7-Nov-2002	9.15am	Mocking Conservatives again	Anti-Conservative
7-Nov-2002	9.40am	Britain's Rugby Team We Won on the Cheap - as with 1966 we went back to being the usual rubbish	Anti-British values
7-Nov-2002	7.15pm	Back onto mocking Conservatives!	Anti-Conservative
7-Nov-2002	9pm	An absurdly arrogant and snobbish voice derides and denigrates British patriotism.	Anti-British values
8-Nov-2002	7.45am	Why British Aerospace shouldn't sponsor Poppy Day (British Legion) - yet more anti-patriotism.	Anti-British values

8-Nov-2002	8.20am	Snide remarks and disbelief at Gibraltar's wish to stay British	Anti-British values
9-Nov-2002	8am	Anti USA. The McDonalds decision to close 175 branches - James Naughtie comments that it will help the health of the countries involved. He expounds on diseased beef and that "most burgers are made of beef". True - but not a word about the fact that McDonalds weren't using European beef. Another example of BBC Anti Americans nastiness. When Alan Greenspan came to collect his Honourary Knighthood, the BBC make the untrue and ungracious remark that all his forecasts have been wrong and shares in Alan Greenspan have crashed. More snide remarks with a Scottish accent on the BBC's relentless anti-USA assault. Absolutely disgraceful isn't it ? There's Blair 'shoulder to shoulder' with Bush, in the knowledge that he can leave it in the good hands of the BBC to work tirelessly in keeping the EU door wide open for him.	Anti-USA ; Pro-EU
9-Nov-2002	8.15am	Anti Royal - Anti-Nobility set piece.	Anti-tradition
9-Nov-2002	5pm	News - vicious attack on America by an Iraqi whose tirade of vective is mistakenly played by the BBC over twice in their enthusiasm.	Anti-USA
13-Dec-2002	10.30pm	Amelioration - In their role as 'Handmaid to New Labour' this charming piece is clearly designed to distract from the scandal surrounding Cherie Blair by discussing the theme of women's support for each other at trying times etc. (what was the music can't remember)	Shielding Govt by trivialising scandal
1-Jan-2003	8.10 pm	Extraordinary piece implying we must be the worst place in Europe. Our terrible weather, our terrible workmen - they are just third rate - better by far to move to France.	Anti-British ; Pro EU
1-Jan-2003	10.30 pm	A priceless advertisement for Blair. Accolade after accolade from picked interviewees. They rarely interview those of traditional conservative values, choosing instead the pro-EU assassins of Margaret Thatcher. The advertisement concludes EU = angels and Tony Blair is on the side of the angels!	Blair accolade
2-Jan-2003		How farming subsidies were ruining the prospects of the Third World to compete and emerge from poverty. Contributions from Jonty Bloom and the Adam Smith Institute, yet not a word was said about the dire effect of the EU/CAP. They rounded heavily against USA !	Anti-USA ; Pro-EU
13-Jan-2003	9.15 am	Having moved Freddy Forsythe's short permitted 'slot' from 9.15 am to 8.45 am (w/end.) Interestingly, Forsythe's slot was first reduced in length and subsequently removed entirely, notwithstanding the accuracy of his journalism and the cogency of his arguments, on account of his criticism of New Labour and their Federalist agenda. Freddie's slot was immediately followed by a BBC piece praising Tony Blair as the most morally concerned Prime Minister since Gladstone.	Pro-Govt ; Anti-conservative

29-Jan-2003	10.30pm	Amelioration - Set piece complete with musical overlay following the embarrassment of John Prescott punching a man who with others was demonstrating at the dire state of the NHS. It was based on a 'Pop Song' called 'Big John'. Mandelson and Byer were ushered out with similar amusing ditties and musical overlay.	Shielding Govt by trivialising scandal
1-Feb-2003	8.25am	After chaos on the roads the BBC rushed to the Government's help by making a joke of the chaos caused in Britain by an inch or two of snow. It included comments from the Norwegians but omitted in all subsequent broadcasts the Norwegian amazement (it had been edited out), that we'd not put down salt and grit ! (As all previous Governments had).	Shielding Govt by trivialising scandal
4-Mar-2003	11pm	Spoof historic account ostensibly on Napoleon but degenerated into general criticism of the English. Includes foul-mouthing about Her Majesty. An elderly woman is asked if we should get rid of her "what ? said the elderly woman she should have her skin peeled off slowly and acid sprinkled over her".... (it got worse - get the transcript).	Anti- British values; Anti Monarchy
5-May-2003	8.15am	BBC now assembles a motley crew to mock Britain's Patron Saint	Anti-tradition
15-Jul-2003	7.50am	Following the Swedish decision to reject joining the single currency we are treated to Rev Roy Jenkins providing a 'thought for the day' which referred to the Swedish decision and went on to infer that God was trying to get through, but the people were closing their ears. It ended with the Biblical quotation 'not all those who say Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who listen to my words and obey'. No doubt the Swedish people should apologise ? The Danes reached the same decision and James Naughtie derided them in like manner calling them "Little Denmark".	Pro-EU sermon
13-Aug-2003	8.12am	The BBC publicise a new small ground to air missile that can be fired from the shoulder and bring down a large aircraft especially if aimed at its engine. I seem to recollect some years ago them advertising the best way to bring down a cherokee helicopter. C-mon BBC continue with your irresponsible dumb head broadcasting.	Security ineptitudes
10-Sep-2003		A nasty piece really worth hearing. I caught the end of this piece, presumably on Iraq in which Americans were accused of a senseless act of violence. Such relentless propaganda surely puts at risk the lives of our young soldiers out there.	Anti-USA
24-Sep-2003	7.20am	Another programme designed to shield criticism of government (over old people's home)	Shielding Govt from criticism
26-Sep-2003	7.45am	Here we have Her Majesty's portrait painter being questioned as to why we need another picture of the Queen and haven't we got enough already etc. It was a silly line of questioning totally unnecessary, except in pursuing the BBC relentless theme of questioning the Monarchy.	Anti- British values; Anti Monarchy

22-Oct-2003	7.28am	More proposals of EU origin masquerading as our ideas (introducing Toll roads).	Pro-EU
22-Oct-2003		Nasty attack on IDS	Anti-Conservative
23-Oct-2003	7.25am	Another example of the BBC trying to make us ashamed to be British. This time it really was a silly piece entitled 'why are we so cruel to animals'. (Don't you wish those running the BBC would emigrate?)	
23-Oct-2003	7.45am	Another BBC skit mocking the Conservative Leader.	Anti-Conservative
24-Oct-2003	7.30am	More BBC mockery of the Conservative Leader.	Anti-Conservative
24-Oct-2003	8.42am	More ideas emanating from the EU Supermarket to call temps for 10 weeks 'permanent staff' BBC omit to explain that this emanates from EU and is specifically designed to mask unemployment levels despite the chaos that it causes from the employers point of view.	Shielding EU from criticism
26-Oct-2003	8.45am	EU On Your Farm' (Insolvency style) - Bought thriving Dairy Herd in 1982 which had gone bust. Not one word about why this otherwise healthy hard working farmer had lost his business. The BBC microphone picked up someone muttering "this can't go on, its happening the length and breadth of the country". Also heard was a remark 'the country is going to the dogs' - yet not a word did the BBC tell us about <u>why it is happening</u> to our once prosperous farming industry. As with the Fisheries, the fault lies with EU policies. As always with the BBC, criticism of the EU is absolutely taboo. By omitting any reference to the EU, the programme was an insult to our intelligence.	Shielding EU from criticism
3-Nov-2003	9.30am	Mockery of Conservatives by Andrew Marr 'an evil worm crawling through a jungle dividing when it meets objects devouring any human flesh it touches'. 'Is this IDS's vision for the Conservative party?' Also do no miss, 'Michael Howard as Dracula'.	Anti-Conservative
23-Nov-2003	am	Three Conservatives ravaged in succession	Anti-Conservative
23-Nov-2003	7.15pm	Another appalling skit mocking various Conservatives	Anti-Conservative
10-Dec-2003	8.50am	Yet more mocking of Conservatives.	Anti-Conservative
28-Dec-2003	9.30am	Eddie Mayer manages to persuade Dominic Cummins to give forth. He who previously refused interviews! But go on to hear the ant-USA swipes, mockery of tradition and of the principle of citizenship i.e. not based on values and customs but on whether you can hum Enigma Variations by Elgar or say which way up the Union Jack goes! (I do wish they'd emigrate).	Anti-Conservative; Anti-USA; Anti-British values

1-Jan-2004	8.20am	Mocking the Conservative advertisement in The Times before its been read by anyone. Did the same with the Conservatives second advert, but really tore into it having secured longer prior notice.	Anti-Conservative
7-Jan-2004	9.20am	USA denigration in the form of a really disgusting obscure story. A lady talks about her book (pure fiction) in which her grandma poisons her mum who is a 10th grade dropout. It was a piece of quite unnecessary trash unworthy of peak listening time except in the BBC's context of damaging our affiliation with America.	Anti-USA
10-Jan-2004	7am	Repeat of a joke used last evening that Bush is like a blind man in a room full of deaf, but it gets worse in its jibes and mockery of America.	Anti-USA
15-Jan-2004	9.30am	Yet more mocking of Conservatives.	Anti-Conservative
15-Jan-2004	10.10pm	Brilliant - we hear that BBC reporters must not express personal views so the BBC can maintain its impartiality - (Roars of laughter from the audience).	
18-Jan-2004	am	Anti-USA material both morning and evening of the same day. It was drab and unworthy of airtime, involved: drugged dogs, a feminist trying to get her sons to cook, reference to a nasty divorce and back to the dogs. If they can denigrate our principle ally sufficiently so we hate the very American accent, they will have removed the biggest obstacle to delivering Britain's head on the plate to Brussels.	Anti-USA
19-Jan-2004	10.25pm	Lustig's contempt for Conservatives is revealed ! Robin Lustig invites contribution from Trevor Gear and Peter Hitchens on social integration of immigrants. Concludes by denying the Conservative Peter Hitchens a concluding response, then forgets Peter Hitchens name at end of programme, the impression being that of a final act of contempt.	Anti-Conservative
25-Jan-2004	8.20pm	More Anti-USA as Book criticising the Allies assault on Iraq is being 'plugged' by the BBC.	Anti-USA
29-Jan-2004	12pm	On Greg Dyke's resignation we hear "He made the BBC a more collaborative Institution" (Roars of laughter from the audience)	
6-Feb-2004	9pm	Announcement of Friday play on USA military on theme 'victory hides dishonesty' - very commendable BBC - keep it up - get more of our troops killed by casting shame on their mission.	Anti- British values
15-Feb-2004	9.57am	Mocking Conservatives - does Michael Howard's political philosophy bore you as much as it bores us ?	Anti-Conservative

16-Feb-2004	10.15pm	Yet more mockery of Conservatives in form of a skit with Margaret Thatcher's voice with overlay of witches and ghouls howling in the background. She is considered globally to have been our finest Post War Prime Minister, and not a witch or a ghoul. BBC we've had enough of your continuous vile (bias).	Anti-Conservative
17-Feb-2004	10.55	More USA denigration. A rather horrid and nasty play. The point is we never get anything uplifting or noble concerning Americans, except when the BBC is obliged to broadcast speeches. Their agenda is so obvious. Contrast this with programmes such as Where in Europe would you like to retire ? Tell us about your favourite place.	Anti-USA ; Pro EU
18-Feb-2004	8am	News - extraordinary piece in which the Liberal Democrats were being treated as the Opposition party and again nothing but criticism expressed about the Conservative Party.	Anti-Conservative
20-Feb-2004	3.25am	Mocking Conservatives again with a musical skit called Thatcher Rap.	Anti-Conservative
10-Mar-2004	7.50am	BBC amelioration of the Government's embarrassment on the Lords reform after making light of it with a musical overlay this time with a song 'How Long has this been going on' implying that there has always been a problem with the Lords. In fact the English system of Constitutional Monarchy with its checks and balances and a strong and independent Upper House has led to our enjoyment of the highest level of Civil Freedom in the world.	Shielding Govt from criticism
25-Mar-2004	10.15pm	To have a programme discussing the near bankrupt fishing industry without a single reference to the EU or the effect of the Common Fisheries policy is plain dishonest journalism. It is an insult that reference should be made only to what has happened without a word on <u>why</u> it has happened. What utter rubbish and how ingratiating to claim the problem is that the fisherman are too good at their job, so all the fish get caught! The facts are that since an act of treachery by Edward Heath, our fishing waters have been plundered day and night by EU fleets. They've disregarded the net sizing practises we advocated, which had led to our fishing waters evolving over centuries as among the richest in the world.	Shielding EU from criticism