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Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your advertisement in the Daily Telegraph of 24 March 2005.

I have but one comment with regard to the forthcoming BBC Charter and that is simply "standards".

In recent times you have set a very low standard with regard to language and failed even to achieve that. The Jerry Springer Opera saga illustrates my point, whatever the pundits may have found with regard to the constant repetition of "*fucking*". Artistic it is not, vulgar and unnecessary it most certainly is.

Again last night, in Grumpy Old Men, there was totally unnecessary use of "*fucking*". It simply illustrates an ignorance of the English language and the inability to be articulate.

It must be the responsibility of the BBC to set **standards**, not to drop to the lowest common denominator.

The justification that such language is held until after the "nine o'clock threshold" is untenable as youngsters have TV in their bedrooms and will still be watching, and in any case most have recorders of some sort and can therefore watch your filth at any time they wish.

Please include a clause in the new Charter that seeks to prevent any use of the "f" word or any other similar vulgarities at all times.

Yours faithfully

Michael Davies

PS. In view of the "strong" language used above you may prefer to read this after 9 pm!