

31st March, 2005.

Dear Sirs,

Having cut out of our daily newspaper your advertisement 'Your B.B.C., Your Say' in which you ask members of the public to express views on how the B.B.C. should be run in the future, we have thought over at some length about what comments we could make - quite a few, in fact.

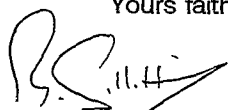

However, we have whittled them down to three, about which we feel very strongly:-

1. Ensure the B.B.C. lives up to its original Charter, which we believe did not include dumbing down practically everything (including some programmes on Radio 3) so that they are geared to the intelligence of an illiterate 6-year-old.
2. Remove the system for complaints entirely from the Governors or anyone else connected with the B.B.C., and make it a truly independent body. We read today that the existing Committee of Governors has ignored some 63,000 complaints about one particular programme because its offensive nature was justified by its 'outstanding artistic significance' (whatever that pretentious phrase means).
3. By the same token, a truly independent Complaints Committee would allow the public to feel their comments might count. We believe many people now regard the B.B.C. as the Blair Broadcasting Corporation, but it is hardly worth complaining about the many instances of blatant bias because the adjudicators will be composed of Labour Luvvies and Tony's Cronies.

In its present state the B.B.C. can command little respect. We try to be loyal and watch it but find that we wish to do so less and less. It is definitely not worth the Licence Fee. We feel very sad.

Even more sad is our feeling that these comments to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport will be regarded as of no interest and put in the bin with all speed. As with most 'Consultations' nowadays, it will be a complete waste of your time and our money - everything will have been decided beforehand by the powers-that-be.

Yours faithfully,

   
Mr. Barry Gillitt & Mrs. Audrey Gillitt