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BBC Charter Review
Dept. of Culture, Media and Sport.
2.4 Cockspur Street,
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Sir,

Thank you BBC. for what I consider to be the most genuinely straightforward reporting of everyday events.

Radio 4 is my favourite, with the exception of some of the interviewers on the Today programme. Or should I say "interrogators": I find the tone of the Today team at times very offensive. I am - as you probably guessed one of your older viewers, and I was always under the impression that reporters were there to report and not create news.

Some of the T.V. programmes are just abysmal. Dumbing down is not a strong enough term. To encourage youngsters

● spend their time watching other people - who have no special attributes to offer them; is just encouraging the "Big Brother" society. Far better for them to watch programmes such as Alan Sugar's "The Apprentice" on BBC 2. They might then learn something which could be to their advantage when they go out into the big wide world. This programme as well as being educational is entertaining.

I have given up recording any programmes on the television - a good book is usually more enjoyable.

Yours truly,

Renee Linder (Mrs.)

One of your "Lumpy old Women" - 6 days short of 84.

P.S. could you please encourage members of your staff to pronounce the word GARAGE instead of GARIDGE. One bears no relation to the other.