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Dear BBC Charter Review,

The BBC used to be very highly respected, noted for news + sport, + also used to set a very good moral standard. However, for a long time now you have allowed bad language, semi-pornographic material even in the soaps + lots of story lines which would not have been allowed twenty years ago. The so-called watershed of 9.0. pm is a joke, kids have videos, TVs in their bedrooms + parents can't be watching 24 hours a day.

TV, including BBC programmes have been instrumental in lowering the moral standards of young people, in particular acceptance of bad behaviour + crime, under-age drinking + extremely under-age sex.

② For many years the BBC has displayed a blatant Labour bias. Lately, perhaps after lots of complaints there has been some improvement.

David Frost is very off-hand with Tory people he interviews. David Dimbleby in "Question Time" used to savage any Tories taking part, with constant interruptions, charging in on any occasion when a Tory might get applause. Again, probably after numerous complaints, he seems to have improved lately.

The showing of Gerry Springer — the Opera denigrated the religions of the British people, but you do not do the same to the religions of the ethnic minorities, knowing that they will give you a hard time. One rule for the majority & great care for the feelings of the minorities.

However, speaking for

myself, it is not all bad! I  
tend to watch BBC 10 o'clock  
news & "Newsnight" most nights,  
& many other BBC programmes.

It is just unfortunate  
that I can remember the  
60s & the 70s which were  
relatively crime-free, very low  
on under-age drinking & very  
low indeed on under-age sex.

The BBC could try to set a  
good moral example.

Yours sincerely,  
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