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Dear Sir/Madam

I write in reply to your advertisement for comments from the Public on the BBC.

If the BBC stands for Truth and Decency, then we are sadly mistaken:

Truth: the non-intervention in the massacre at Srebenica was portrayed as a British platoon standing by, whereas it was in fact a Dutch Platoon. There has never been any comment on this, and the BBC continues to denigrate the Services. Never giving praise where praise is due.

Harewood House was claimed to be founded on the proceeds of slavery. Is this correct? A snide remark unnecessary to a programme on cultural heritage.

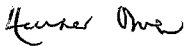
There always has to be an aside from your leading commentators (usually Paxman, Dimbleby and Dimbleby): how dare these cocky overpaid people make personal remarks. Indeed the former actually called President Bush a "dog" in one episode of University Challenge. Anti-American, anti-Tory, anti-decency, anti-religion – the broadcasting of Jerry Springer, the Opera, was disgraceful, and debase. I wonder if Mr Keating has plans to broadcast a similar programme about prophets of other religions?.

Decency: the plethora of violence in language and action is unprecedented, And every form of killing is portrayed in graphic detail. As a result, society would appear to consider this is normal behaviour and horrific assaults and murders take place each week. Does the thought ever cross your mind that the BBC might be a contributory influence? Could you not have some programmes which portray decent human behaviour and characters with attributes of kindness and goodness.

Of course, there are good programmes, such as The Monastery, and the Chelsea Flower Show, but these are outweighed by the bad.

As a licence-payer, would you please look into these matters and expedite them.

Yours truly,


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