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Dear Sirs.

BBC Charter Review

My husband and I do not watch TV nor listen to much on radio as my husband is profoundly deaf and I am partially sighted but less deaf.

Our main complaint against the BBC is the non stop instrumental noise. no longer background music. I have written several times and the replies had down to 'Tough'.

Millions of pounds must be wasted on jingle writers and people manning control panels ready to boost up the volume before the last words are spoken.

● All informative and educational programmes are blighted. . . . .  
Muzak and Michael Palin over the  
Himalayas, flying with Dive Bombers at Dunkirk.  
a symphony orchestra competing with dynamite  
blasting pools. . . . .  
A picture of a bird whose beak  
is opening and closing but what is heard is a  
nonstop blasting away as hard as he can blow

At Christmas during the level Seven prayers read  
by David Suchet, a drum was rattling away  
all through

Even the news is not immune, women comment  
non stop and noise increasing to drown out some  
of the items

Could a few people we know are watching  
with the sound turned down with sub-titles

Some of the things they do are excellent  
but they are inclined to go O.T.T with some  
things. Like calling in untested experts to give

their opinions on the matter

The business of all presenters having to wear black during the Pope's illness, quite unnecessary and the news coverage was much too heavy.

We also think there is a strong left wing bias in the Corporation and as not less the aggressive manner displayed towards people on Radio 4 Today programme.

There are too many Pops and Hepcats, and poor comedy shows. Times today think all they have to do is utter string of obscenities to obtain a laugh.

It seems the people with power over programmes are too arrogant to listen to any criticism and I think it should be compulsory for the figure of money spent, staff employed on these useless instrumental noise should be published. It could be more usefully used elsewhere.

Apologies for my scribble but as well as  
poor eyesight I have very gnarly fingers  
Hope this will help with your survey

Yours sincerely

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