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Dear sir,

For some time now there has been a marked deterioration in BBC (and other programmes). For many years the BBC has held 'pride of place' in the world of broadcasting. However, the following has been carefully noted over the last five years. I will begin with the positive side of programmes:-

1. Wild life programmes - excellent and more would be appreciated
2. Exposure of problems concerning all citizens i.e. excellent Police programmes "Watchdog" etc.
3. Period films at which you excel i.e. unforgettable Jane Austen films
4. Sub titles. These are now much appreciated as often one cannot understand the spoken word. e.g. some of the weather announcers speak with a nasal accent. As a suggestion could not programmes in good spoken English be given as instruction to immigrants?

Regrettable on the negative side:-

1. Blasphemous productions. Language extremely OFFENSIVE. On/off switch in constant use.
2. Dress code of many announcers and others on programmes. Decolletage (i.e. low neckline and exposure of neck and shoulders) There appears to be some kind of competition among those broadcasting on television as to who can expose the most bust-line. This is not progress this is just bad taste and should be retained for evening wear. There appears to be a constant copying of each other and this also occurs in hair fashions - why are so many announcers emulating each other by wearing fringes that look like a row of tooth picks on their foreheads? It would appear that over the years the BBC has become indifferent to the obvious lowering of standards and confuse it with progress! One wonders why it does not hear the thousands of objections being voiced every day.
3. Apparently BBC has a false impression that it is compulsory to contain, in some form or other, sexual connotation in order to sell the programme. While admitting that sex has an all important part in all lives, it is not necessary to be so blatantly obvious on radio and television. On one occasion recently I switched from radio to television and on each occasion there was an explicit sex programme. I can only assume that you are entirely unaware or ignorant of the many thousands of people who are constantly switching off now because they can no longer tolerate the way standards have deteriorated.

Yours faithfully,

E. Thiem