

BBC CHARTER REVIEW,

Department for Culture, Media and Sport,

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you in response to an advertisement in one of the national papers, headed "**YOUR BBC, YOUR SAY**"

First let me state, that I am not and never have been a member of any political party, I have over the years voted for most of them, with the exception of the "Monster Raving Loony Party", although I must say as time goes by, they appear to be the more sensible party.

Secondly, I have visited countries overseas, either on business or pleasure, to numerous to mention but just as a flavour besides the usual ones, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, Uganda, Venezuela, French Polynesia, Japan, Mexico etc. Impressed? I am.

Third, I am writing this letter in my own time, I expect my views to be taken into account, in the same way you will listen to the favoured metropolitan elite, the so called chattering classes. After all in a democracy, one mans, or woman's voice is as important as any other. As "Voltaire" is reputed to have said "**I MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH WHAT YOU SAY BUT I WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH YOUR RIGHT TO SAY IT**" **The BBC seem to have repudiated this truism.**

Unfortunately as the years have gone by, I find myself becoming more and more (as does my wife" disgruntled with the BBC's idea of news! **We now find ourselves preferring to watch the news on Sky or ITV.** If this pattern continues, I ask why should I pay an enormous sum for a so called "LICENCE" **I work full time, watch no day time or afternoon television and do not start viewing until at least 9pm. I am therefore subsidising people who watch the BBC for hour upon hour.**

The fairest way is for the general public to pay by the amount they watch, as we do with electricity, water, the cinema, a taxi etc. This would ensure that the BBC catered for what the public actually wanted and not what they think they wanted! So if the viewing figures for the news plummeted, they would be forced to think, what are we doing wrong!

In mine and my wife's opinion, the "BBC News" is now about so called experts opinions, its not news, its conjecture. We have the ridiculous Andrew Marr, telling us what he thinks. From what one reads, he is entertained by the Prime Minister at Chequers, travels on the "PM's" airplane etc, how can he possibly be objective, he must be biased, because we are all influenced by people that we come in contact with. **The BBC staff should keep their distance from the politicians, otherwise they become contaminated.**

The BBC News is not about the people of Britain's lives and what affects them. 1,000,000 job losses since this government came to power, hardly reported upon, hundreds of jobs go, factories close, people's lives are destroyed and the BBC News concentrates on famine in the same countries which come around with amazing regularity. **They repeat over and over again, the same items, spending ten minutes or so on one item. In this big old world, thousands of events take place, we never hear of them, South America never gets a mention, Australia, Canada get the same treatment.** Two or three journalist report from the same overseas country. All no doubt flying Club Class and staying in the best hotels? At enormous expense. trailing behind them is the so called "crew". I have a "Sony" video camera and my films are infinitely superior to the so called professional. You can view them if you so wish!

The BBC employ thousands of so called journalists, the news that I hear on the BBC TV News, is what I have read in the papers, It seems to me as if they read the Times/Observer at weekends and then re-hash the stories for the general public, this is not only laziness its incompetence!

Last but not least, I believe the BBC is biased, it projects what it believes in and woe betide any body who thinks the opposite. Also in my opinion it is in cahoots with the Government and other parties in re-stricting the news!

I will give you one example (I could mention many more) in a democracy every persons vote counts, why is now that when there is an election, the minor parties are not mentioned by name? (They used to be) Why is it that the "BNP" (which is a legitimate political party, registered with the electoral authorities) who polled nearly 1,000,000 votes get no mention! Why is it not reported on TV that the banks (Barclays/HSBC) have closed their Bank Accounts? Is this democracy, it smacks of the Nazi's or Joe Stalin's Russia. It's a travesty of justice that the BBC does not report on this. Why do we not hear from the leader of the "BNP"? From what I have seen, he is an articulate person with a University degree. Why cannot the general public make up their own minds?

The "BNP" have not killed anybody to my knowledge, yet the "IRA/Sinn Fein" is given air time ad nauseam. Where is the fairness, the balance? The BBC is destroying free speech. I am sure that the Nazi Radio operated in the same manner by excluding people it did not agree with.

It's a pity that someone who has lived in this country all his life, who admired the BBC News, now thinks that they have their own agenda and that does not include the people of this countries views. One only has to look at any programme with a panel, it always consist of the same people. WHY NO NEW FACES?

If the "BBC" does not start to listen to views of the people and does not report fairly what is taking place in this country, it will be the loser.

Yours Sincerely,



John Waller.