

I am not sure how you vet the above, but it is obvious to anyone watching programmes by BBC that they are struggling to fill their channels with anything of substance in view of the vast increase in repeats and the practice now of a next day repeat for new programmes.

At any one day there are now at least 20-30 repeats throughout a day. Also evident are:

Excessive game shows

numerous celebrity trips abroad instead of using real experts

time wasting news and political speculation shows

occasionally a new thriller which nearly always flops

excessive advertising of next programmes

TV should surely be used to primarily educate the public as it is a powerful medium and I don't think the BBC fulfills this role very well. There is room for some pure entertainment but frankly the standard is very poor.

I think your 2018 plan needs to place much more emphasis on this and how it can be properly delivered. Audience figures are a poor measure as we all know many people will not turn off the TV and watch anything on even if it is rubbish'

A proper independent panel of educated watchers should regularly assess the programmes. The standard achieved by foreign TV film makers from France, Sweden and Norway far exceeds those of the BBC.

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