

Consultation response

Overall I am fully supportive of the amendments Ofcom is planning to make to the BBC Operating Licence.

However, is the BBC attempting to get more younger viewers and listeners at the expense of older ones?

For example the incredible bias of funding for BBC 3 v BBC 4 (and BBC 4 is to be closed). Likewise in radio with Radio 1 Extra and Radio 6 Music aimed at younger audiences.

On top of that we have BBC Radio 2 increasingly abusing its 35+ remit by concentrating, certainly in daytime output, to a 35-55 target. Some recent commercial radio research is showing that many people are seeing Radio 2 as a service for 35 to 45s.

So for Licence Fee payers who want some value for money, perhaps BBC Radio 2's target audience should be amended from 35+ to "35+ and 65+ audiences".

Radio 2, supplemented by BBC Sounds, is worth defending but not if it continues to abandon older audiences - its Licence Fee payers.