

## The BBC: time to say what's good about it

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The BBC takes a lot of stick from the left. And some of it, no doubt, appears justified. Like others, I have my concerns about Laura Kuensberg's objectivity on occasion.

But the reaction to Lord Hall's resignation is interesting. I do, for the record, think he was pushed. [As he said](#):

*"I love the BBC ... If I followed my heart I would genuinely never want to leave."*

But he has. A think a quiet word was had....and a sop was offered.

The reaction is what interests me. Suddenly the left has another concern. It is that things might get very much worse.

I agree, they might.

My point is that we do, then, need to be careful. By all means, criticise the BBC. That's fine. But to suggest that there is no role for it and that what it does is not important? That is a step way too far for me. I value and appreciate the BBC even when it out John Humphrys in the Today programme, and even more so on the days he interviewed me.

I suggest now is the moment for people of concern to say why they do want an independent BBC. Nicky Morgan has shown a remarkable lack of political judgement in recent years (maybe, forever). She is responsible for this appointment. Any pressure to act in the public interest has to be appropriate right now.