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The BBC has fallen to the fascists

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From my Twitter feed this afternoon:



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Coming soon on the BBC, a new series on 'Democracy, do we really need it?' to be followed by 'Human rights, are they a luxury can't really afford?' and 'Climate change, is it all just a myth?' and 'Do we need more than one political party?' All part of 'Programmes for a new era'

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4,376



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So, this afternoon the BBC gives in to fascists over Gary Lineker's support for asylum seekers and on David Attenborough's desire to highlight the impact of climate change. Fascism isn't a threat. It is happening here and now, with the BBC enabling it.

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Please don't tell me the BBC is impartial when it can do this to appease the fascists in our government and media who want to destroy our planet and our children's future



theguardian.com

BBC will not broadcast Attenborough episode over fear of rightwing ...
Exclusive: Decision to make episode about natural destruction only available on iPlayer angers programme-makers

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This is fascism in action. Those who disagree with the far-right government and Daily Mail lines are now to be excluded from our state broadcaster.

This is not about impartiality. This is about imposing a singularity of view to support a fascist view of the world - that there are 'others' who can be oppressed and that nature is a 'free gift' to be abused by a few for profit at cost to us all, and our future.

The sham that the BBC is impartial has been abandoned. It is now the state broadcaster, with the state being made up solely of centre and far-right parties, with both trending rightward very rapidly and neither willing in any way to call this out.

I am sickened, worried and despairing. After centuries of moving towards democracy that progress has very clearly come to an end. The fight for the survival of democracy is on, but maybe we have already realised it too late.

What a desperate day.