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Dear Hannah

I am getting in touch to raise very serious questions about the coverage of key royal events. It is not going too far to suggest that you have chosen a North Korean style of coverage which censors and erases the presence of noisy, growing and highly visible protests against the monarchy.

Whether in its news output or live events productions, the BBC is required to be impartial and balanced. When covering these events you must cover them as they happen, not edit out uncomfortable truths. You are not an extension of the palace press office but a national broadcaster there to serve the whole nation, not only those who support the monarchy.

At the Trooping the Colour this weekend the BBC's coverage completely ignored the loud and highly visible protest. Even when we could be heard in the background your commentators continued chatting as if these were huge crowds of fawning royalists. You present an entirely false picture of a nation of royalists and misrepresent the event as it unfolds.

Aerial shots of the crowd showed numbers are falling, with huge swathes of empty space outside the palace and along the Mall. Yet still you convey a misleading image of a packed Mall full of fawning royalists, while your commentary included no input from critics of the institution.

Over the past two years we've seen a consistent pattern of the BBC simply editing out any sign of opposition to the monarchy. The coronation, the Commonwealth Day ceremonies and Trooping the Colour have all faced growing protests. The BBC has studiously ignored them all.

Support for the monarchy has plummeted over the past decade. A recent Savanta poll showed just 52% prefer a monarchy while a third prefer a republic.

These protests will get bigger and louder, and they will not stop. So I'm asking that we meet to discuss these concerns and hopefully convey to you the seriousness of this issue.

Regards

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