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"John Larkin" <jjlarkin@xx> wrote in message news:nk9qj2trlji4q2pdkv73e404rfjg7t3d4i@xxxxxxxxxxx

On Fri, 14 Jul 2006 18:49:12 +0100, Eeyore
<rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Ken Smith wrote:

In article
<44B6FABB.81320029@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
Eeyore
<rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:
[...]

If a woman's husband died
and she had no close male
relatives her

only

real option was to beg. Such
women were often beaten
robbed and

raped.

How do you know they were robbed and
raped ?

Some reporters got in by dressing up like local women to

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hide the
equipment. Their report was very chilling. Unfortunatley, I
can't
remember the news orginization for sure. I think it was the
Christian
Science Monitor.

Seeing as the Christians have an axe to grind with Moslems and ITV / BBC

/ UK

Channel 4 news don't, I'll respect my original sources.

Graham

<http://news.google.com/news?hl=en&ned=&ie=UTF-8&ncl=http://www.cbn.com/CBNnews/45336.aspx>

Seeing as there's nowt electronically happening, I'll give the Beeb an open kicking.

Quite true. The Beeb is biased. Not the corrosive and intentional, overt political or corporate sponsored type bias but the type that Andrew Marr described as "cultural".

This is understandable, given that the Beeb is majority staffed by a large clique of highly educated arts graduates, preferably oxbridge and most usually from wealthy professional, or old money backgrounds.

As such, their world viewpoint tends to be restricted to the limited perspective of their own class and cultures. "Limited" it is, due to UK class divisions being uniquely rigid and well enforced.

However, within the constraints of these built-in cultural blinkers, the Beeb people can occasionally offer up some honest, high quality reporting and analysis. But ... only with the caveat that all their output be filtered by the implicit understanding of the nature of the beast.

(Others who may be the unfortunate victims of the Beeb news, may rightly think otherwise.)

A similar restrictive culture also applies across most of the UK 'quality' print media and this must also be viewed using the same provisos.

The operation of the cogs and levers are quite subtle and many people in this country never quite 'get' what's going on but once the basics of the engine are understood, it's quite easy to predict from topical news and analysis (or lack of), where the 'bias', inadequate knowledge and omissions will be occurring. (i.e. reading-between-the-lines and those not yet written :)

john

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