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The BBC boat is not about to be rocked by its newly appointed Chairman; but the blame for which lies with a blustering, but backsliding & bottling Boris Johnson. My latest for

"The BBC needs a chairman committed to demolishing its institutional groupthink. . . . . .it isn't going to get one, thanks solely to the timidity & duplicity of Johnson and his flaccid government"

As pretty much confirmed by @Madz_Grant's perceptive sketch of the new BBC chairman's not so much grilling as gentle warming by an unthreatening DCMS Select Ctte.
https://t.co/LRmRlaJFpk

"He fluently deployed trendy corporate jargon and phrases like 'matrix of diversity'. The licence fee, he added, was the 'least-worst' model, although 'when we next get a chance to review ... it may be worth reassessing'."
Doesn't exactly suggest a radical reformer, does it?

Already clear from Maitlis' continued blatant editorialising, despite new #BBC CEO's instruction to curb it, that Davie's executive writ barely runs to his own office door.
Sadly, BBC's new chairman looks unlikely to change that.
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https://t.co/IkYKDZqFf1

> ICYMI: \u201cThere are millions of Americans who are very worried one man can create a lie so huge that his supporters believe in him over the principle of democracy."@maitis pushes Tea Party Movement co-founder @michaeljohns over his belief the election was "stolen"#Newsnight pic.twitter.com/SENIYKdbsd
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> — BBC Newsnight (@BBCNewsnight) January 14, 2021

New BBC chair to DCMS Select Ctte: "Question Time seemed to have more Remainers than Brexiteers".
No 'seemed' about it. News-Watch survey established it was skewed 2:1 or more pro-Remain.
Oh, but it was still "incredibly balanced", apparently.

Question Time showed too many Remainers in run-up to Brexit, claims Government's pick for BBC chairman

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Richard Sharp said he had given "substantially more" to cancer-fighting organisations than to the Conservative party CREDIT: PA

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The BBC's flagship programme Question Time had "more Remainers than Brexiteers" in the run-up to the referendum, the Government's preferred candidate for the next chairman of the broadcaster has said.

Appearing before the DCMS select committee, Richard Sharp told MPs he did not think the overall coverage was one-sided, saying: "I believe there were some occasions when the Brexit representation was unbalanced.

"So if you ask me if I think Question Time seemed to have more Remainers than Brexiteers, the answer is yes, but the breadth of the coverage I thought was incredibly balanced, in a highly toxic environment that was extremely polarised."

Mr Sharp also revealed he has donated around £400,000 to the Conservative party in the last 20 years, but had given "substantially more to cancer-fighting organisations", adding his total donation to charities "dwarfed" his political donations.

But while he was accused of "coziness" with Government ministers, Mr Sharp, who was once Chancellor Rishi Sunak's boss, stressed he had undergone a rigorous process to take over from Sir David Clementi as the BBC chairman.

Judging by his first Commons 'grilling' (gentle thawing, more like) the new #BBC Chairman sees no reason to change anything in an organisation in dire need of reform:
ex-BBC journo and trenchant critic Robin Aitken.
https://t.co/ugZ0wkXD5w

Ex-BBC journo Robin Aitken knows whereof he speaks.
Anyone who hasn't read his "The Noble Liar: How and Why the BBC Distorts the News to Promote a Liberal Agenda" needs to, pronto.
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https://t.co/qX3Kx3SBIS

‘In choosing Mr Sharp, a walking caricature of the Establishment, the Johnson government is signalling that it’s opting for a quiet life rather than conflict with the BBC.’
Spot-on, Robin Aitken at @spectator.
https://t.co/OfZwD94hWY>
Precisely. Blame for this is Johnson's alone

Have to wonder about @Telegraph leader writers.
On #BBC loss of trust & audience it says: 'papered over by the generosity of the licence fee payer'.
'Generosity'? FFS, it's an illiberal, regressive tax, levied by coercion on pain of fine or imprisonment.
https://t.co/3i7FMT8vf7