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The BBC should not just peddle fashionable views

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ANYONE who has followed the BBC's coverage of the climate change debate in any detail will surely be puzzled by a recommendation that it should give less weight to the views of sceptics.

For it does not seem possible that it could give any less weight to those who doubt the strength of the link between carbon emissions and global temperature change, so partial is its approach.

Professor Steve Jones, the author of a report on behalf of the BBC Trust, says the Corporation should not go out of its way to challenge "consensus" views among the elite. That is a dangerous argument and it should be ignored.

After all, the BBC has been found severely wanting after adopting just such an approach on other major issues. For years it marginalised sceptics of mass immigration because a pro-migration consensus existed among the metropolitan elite. Now it admits that it did not cover the issue properly.

So the BBC Trust report is 40. Good journalism should be about testing and scrutinising elites, not uncritically peddling their propaganda to the masses.

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