

BBC Claims That Its Role Is To Indoctrinate Children With Political Propaganda

No, we're not exaggerating. The BBC, which is funded almost entirely by an annual grant of over £3 billion from the British taxpayer, and whose Charter requires it to remain **strictly impartial** on political issues, has proudly announced that it is putting political propaganda into its flagship children's adventure series **Doctor Who**.

A Christmas Day special of sci-fi series Doctor Who contains an anti-war message, as new Doctor David Tennant tackles an alien invasion of Earth.

"It's Christmas Day, a day of peace," said chief writer Russell T Davies. "There is absolutely an anti-war message because that's what I think."

...[In the show, the British Prime Minister] says of the US president: "He is not my boss and he is certainly not turning this into a war."

A later scene echoes former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's decision to sink the *General Belgrano* during the Falklands conflict in 1982. ... [The] Prime Minister orders the destruction of a retreating alien spaceship, a decision condemned by the Doctor.

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I'm curious whether the retreating aliens correspond to any group of terrorists. Perhaps, but is that kind of wider progress really being made? The destruction of a retreating alien spaceship is of course an unusual occurrence and seems clearly warranted.

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Re: Shameful

As I understand it the BBC equates the retreating aliens with the sinking of the Argentinian warship the *General Belgrano* in 1983. I haven't seen the programme so I don't know why the fictional PM decides to destroy the alien ship. The circumstances surrounding the sinking of the *Belgrano* are **complicated** but I shall explain the factors that seem salient to me. The fascist Argentinian government had invaded the Falkland Islands, which were ruled by the British government and inhabited by British citizens. The British government sent aircraft carriers with planes and guns and soldiers to liberate the islands. The *Belgrano* was part of a group of warships sent by the Argentinians to help support their blatant act of aggression and the British Navy sank it. IMO, the sinking was right and mocking it is stupid and a sign of the BBC's moral decay.

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