

The time to end the monarchy has arrived

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I am not a fan of the monarchy.

That has nothing to do with the people involved, excepting those of them who might think they have a divine right to rule.

It's my belief that no one has that right. I do not see any evidence for eugenic beliefs, let alone for basing some of the pillars of government on the shoulders of those who, by implication at least, are assumed better than the rest of the population simply because of the similarly assumed superiority of those from whom they were born.

As a result of this straightforward belief that all are born equal, which I think unassailable, I see no role for hereditary institutions in government, the monarchy included.

Spats between warring members of the royal family, fuelled by the tabloid press in pursuit of their own profit without concern for the well-being of anyone involved, are not of great concern to me in that case except as evidence for my case that the time has come for royalty to depart its role in the countries of the United Kingdom.

Partly that is in the interests of better government. An Irish style presidency would, I think, serve this country well, just as it has served Ireland well.

I also say this for another reason. I think the burden of monarchy too much for any person or family to bear. Isn't the evidence of the enormous harm it can cause now apparent? Why are we asking people to suffer this burden, randomly and without good reason?

If we were a truly compassionate country we would end this ridiculous, unjust and cruel method of choosing our head of state. If we don't I think it fair to say that we lack that compassion and prefer the spectator sport of royalty instead, and that says remarkably little that is good about us.