

Funding the Future

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I noted this in [The Observer](#) this morning:

Ministers have been accused of “losing the plot” after setting aside £8m to offer every public body a free portrait of King Charles.

In a move that drew criticism amid complaints of shrinking budgets across Whitehall and local government, Oliver Dowden, the cabinet office minister, said it was part of plans to celebrate the new reign and bring the nation together.

I have not tried to hide my republican feelings on this site. In my opinion the whole idea of having a royal family is a deliberate eugenic ploy intended to promote the idea that those with wealth and privilege as a result of birth are inherently superior people who have an intrinsic right to both retain that wealth and privilege and to govern.

I think that wealth should very largely be earned and the right to govern is earned by those who can prove the ability to do so, from whatever background they come.

There is, in that case, an inherent political conflict in the whole process of 'royal worship' which the supply of photos of Charles Windsor for use in public buildings deliberately promotes, with the Tories being very keen to advance this cult. Personally, I would replace the monarchy with an Irish-style presidency, sweeping away the Lords at the same time and reforming our electoral system to abolish the privilege inherent in it as well.

But I may be out of line with the readership of this blog. What do you think? The poll sticks to the pictures alone, but as they are totemic bigger issues are in play:

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