

The demand that we accept a fiction at the very heart o...

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I posted this Tweet last night:

<https://twitter.com/richardjmurphy/status/1655642249349177345?s=61&t=fQEnD35XLiGihXLT1M1wyA>

On reflection, I think I understated my case.

We spent £250 million to let this lot play in the dressing up box. And that does not include the cost of an unnecessary bank holiday.

But that is not the worst of it. That worst bit is that we are meant to suspend our disbelief and think that these people, as deeply flawed and vulnerable as the rest of us are, do somehow enjoy a special right to govern.

What is more, we are expected to accept that in their name our government may act without the consent of parliament using what is called 'the royal prerogative'.

And now we are not allowed to protest about that.

I admit to preferring the idea of grown up government to this fairytale fantasy come nightmare where the supposed best is used to abuse us all using what are now called 'Henry VIII' powers, where the addition of a king's name apparently permits ministers to rule by decree.

There is widespread consent that the UK does not work now unless, that is, you are one of a small and wealthy elite. Royalty symbolises that elite. But they do more than that. They permit authoritarian government. And they permit government by fairy tale where clearly false narratives - like growth can last forever or that increasing the price of money will solve inflation imported from other countries - can be accepted even though they are very obviously harmful. The demand that we accept a fiction at the very heart of government permits widespread government by falsehood, in other words.

There are many reasons to support constitutional reform that would embrace a

republic. This is one of them, I suggest.