

Why the Lords has to go

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There are many reasons why the House of Lords should be removed. Boris Johnson ably (for once), albeit inadvertently, aided the case with his resignation honours.

Ignore all those who were refused and then note the appointment of this person:

Miss Charlotte Katherine Tranter Owen

Wikipedia struggled to make an entry for Charlotte Owen, so lacking in note has she been. [This is what they have to say:](#)

Charlotte Kathryn Tranter Owen (born 1993)^{[1][2]} is a British former [special adviser](#).^[3] In June 2023 it was announced that she was to be granted a life peerage in the [2022 Prime Minister's Resignation Honours](#).^[4] Owen will be the youngest life peer in British history.^[5]

Owen graduated from the University of York in 2015, gaining a 2:1 in Politics and International Relations.^[6] She is not known to have any formal professional qualifications or experience of work. She worked as an intern and parliamentary assistant, before joining the 'Number 10' Political Unit as a special adviser in an unknown role under successive prime ministers [Boris Johnson](#) and [Liz Truss](#).^{[7] [8]} In her special adviser role, Owen worked 50% for Boris Johnson, and 50% for the [Chief Whip](#) and [Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury](#), [Chris Heaton-Harris](#). At the time, there was much speculation given her modest achievements, as to what significant contribution to British society was made to justify the ennoblement.^[9]

Two paragraphs, with no known work or professional experience outside Westminster, and just eight years out of university, she has been ennobled.

I will ignore the unfair tittle-tattle, and gender is not an issue for me: a man with the same experience would be subject to identical questions from me.

And that question is a simple one, and is what has this person done by the age of 30 to

justify being a member of the House of Lords for life? My answer is that nothing can justify this.

But if this is possible, it is time for the Lords to go, in my opinion.