

The imminent rise of the kakistocracy

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There is a [headline in the Guardian](#) this morning that says:

Monarchy

Prince Andrew's 'opaque' finances provoke calls for register of royal interests

Claims of refused FOI requests into
Duke of York's business dealings
come as controversy over alleged
Chinese spy continues

2h ago

And why not, you might reasonably ask?

Next to that headline at the time of writing [is this one](#):

Church of England

Former archbishop of Canterbury resigns as priest after reports on church's handling of sexual abuse case

The old institutions of power are crumbling.

I have little doubt that both the monarchy and the Church of England have further to fall as yet.

So why note this? Three reasons.

First, as these institutions crumble, a power vacuum is created.

Second, we know vacuums are unstable.

Third, new power structures will arise in place of those that are failing as a consequence.

Are the obvious failings of royalty and bishops just a necessary part of the rise to power of the oligarchy, or [kakistocracy](#) as The Economist recently described those grabbing power right now?

Don't rule it out, I suggest. All of this is terribly convenient for those waiting in the wings.