

## The Royal speciality: creating PR disasters

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I think I should make it clear when posting [this copy of a Tweet](#) that I am a member of Republic, which posted it, but apart from paying a small subscription, I take no part in it. It does, though, make it clear why Republic capture the zeitgeist, why the royals' only special talent these days is in creating PR disasters, and why we should all really want them gone:

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Escaping talk of sex offenders William prefers the company of murderers. Shamefully handing a PR coup the Saudi leadership.

 Roya Nikkhah @RoyaNikkhah · 4h  
The Prince of Wales has arrived in Riyadh for his first visit to Saudi Arabia. Tonight, William will have an "intimate dinner" and hold talks with "MBS", the Kingdom's leader Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman #RoyalVisitSaudi



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Prince William is, quite bizarrely, taking on the role of British trade envoy vacated by Andrew Mountnatten-Windsor, and his first visit is to people [closely associated](#) with the killers of [Jamal Khashoggi](#) in 2018.

You literally could not make up a worse framing for the royal family than this right now. Do they have a self-destruct button? It would seem they do.