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[–] Joanne194 [score hidden] 3 hours ago
While we're at it all references to God should be removed from our anthem & oaths to tell the truth.
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[–] Bibbityboo [score hidden] 3 hours ago
This one bothers me more tbh.
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[–] boustead [score hidden] 3 hours ago
Agreed 100%
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[–] memester230 [score hidden] 3 hours ago
Well yea but then people will cry like with the removal of gendered terms from the anthem.
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[–] boustead [score hidden] 3 hours ago
Let them cry? People that are that ignorant need to grow up.
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[–] Kyranasaur [score hidden] 2 hours ago
I saw your other comment so I know you're kinda joking, but just some context: it was originally gender neutral, it only became 'our sons' in either the first or Second World War. The gender neutral version is the original....
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[–] boots_n_cats [score hidden] 1 hour ago
The gendered terms that aren't even in the original French lyrics? How dare they!
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[–] TheTomatoBoy9 [score hidden] 2 hours ago
Well, get angry at both the Liberals and the Cons.

The Bloc introduced a motion to remove the prayer done before each parlement session and replace it by a minute of silence and it was shutdown.

So right now, your politicians are paid to pray before a session...
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[–] Jappy_toutou [score hidden] 1 hour ago
Yeah, while I am firmly in the anti monarchy camp, at least the Queen is real...
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[–] themaincop [score hidden] 1 hour ago
The Queen being real makes it worse. The royal family represent an absolutely awful system of government and live a ridiculously lavish and opulent lifestyle that they don't deserve. The monarchy should be dismantled and its spoils should be redistributed to the masses. A reference to god should be removed but it would be more like having to swear allegiance to the Catholic Church in terms of making a connection to an institution that's actively harmful.
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[–] saevon [score hidden] 1 hour ago
we can't dismantle another country's monarch...

canadian's position here is ceremonial, no funds are given,,, no more then we would to any other head of state when they visit.
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[–] matttk [score hidden] 1 hour ago

IMO, the major royals (Queen, Charles, and all descendants of Charles) live a nightmarish horror of a life that I'd wish on no one. They are essentially our slaves with no way to opt out (just look at Harry). I pity them a lot.

Wealth and opulence isn't everything. I'd never trade places with them. It'd be awful. They have no freedom of choice period.

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[–] psyclopes [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Fully agree! I already sing the anthem with the word "we" instead of "god".

> From far and wide,
> O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
>
> ~~God~~ **We** keep our land glorious and free!
> O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Because it puts the onus on each and everyone of us to *keep* our land glorious and free. It won't easily be given to us, we are required to be vigilant.

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[–] bangonthedrums [score hidden] 59 minutes ago

The lyrics used to have another "o Canada" there, I have an old songbook from the 40s and it doesn't have the god part

O Canada, glorious and free

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[–] Kirk_Kerman [score hidden] 53 minutes ago

I kind of prefer the anthem with a call to action in it to remind people that the area delineated by borders agreed upon by the international community doesn't naturally possess freedom unless people defend it themselves.

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[–] Matt_MG [score hidden] 46 minutes ago

The real lyrics from 1880 literally end with "For Christ and King!"

> Ô Canada ! Terre de nos aïeux,
> Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux !
> Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
> Il sait porter la croix !
> Ton histoire est une épopée
> Des plus brillants exploits.
> Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
> Protégera nos foyers et nos droits,
> Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
> Sous l'œil de Dieu, près du fleuve géant,
> Le Canadien grandit en espérant.
> Il est né d'une race fière,
> Béni fut son berceau.
> Le ciel a marqué sa carrière
> Dans ce monde nouveau.
> Toujours guidé par sa lumière,
> Il gardera l'honneur de son drapeau,
> Il gardera l'honneur de son drapeau.
> De son patron, précurseur du vrai Dieu,
> Il porte au front l'auréole de feu.
> Ennemi de la tyrannie,
> Mais plein de loyauté,
> Il veut garder dans l'harmonie,
> Sa fière liberté.
> Et par l'effort de son génie,
> Sur notre sol asseoir la vérité,
> Sur notre sol asseoir la vérité.
> Amour sacré du trône et de l'autel,
> Remplis nos cœurs de ton souffle immortel !
> Parmi les races étrangères,
> Notre guide est la loi :
> Sachons être un peuple de frères,
> Sous le joug de la foi.
> Et répétons, comme nos pères,
> Le cri vainqueur : « Pour le Christ et le Roi ! »
> Le cri vainqueur : « Pour le Christ et le Roi ! »

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[–] 24-Hour-Hate ✔ I voted! J'ai voté! [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Yeah, this is much worse. Even if a person opposes the monarchy, at least the Queen is the head of state for all of us and she's pretty much symbolic at this point. I would think of an oath to the monarchy as more of an oath to our constitutional monarchy, to our constitution and all that. It's twisting things a bit, but that's how I would square it. This references to god are very much exclusionary.

Though, people should know that affirmation is an alternative to swearing an oath. I have variously been required to make declarations that something was true or I would do something and I have always been able to affirm. Typically I haven't even had to ask for it to be offered as an option. Legally, it means the same thing. To my

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Ottawa convoy organizer Tamara Lich arrested in Alberta for alleged breach of bail conditions knowledge they also have to accommodate different religious requirements too, like if you want to use a book that isn't the bible or something like that, but you might have to bring your own.

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[–] burtoncummings [score hidden] 1 hour ago

I have sung "Please keep our land..." for decades.

It works on more than one level, and my kids have started doing the same.

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[–] amateredanna [score hidden] 1 hour ago

My dad taught me to sing "we'll keep our land" so it's a commitment to do right by each other. Honestly I've been singing it that was all my life (along with "in all of us command") and often forget those aren't the real words.

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[–] Zonel [score hidden] 2 hours ago

And the cross reference in the French version. Least the English one isn't explicitly Christian.

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[–] 1lluminist [score hidden] 1 hour ago

We'd have to completely re-write the French version. I'm not opposed to that at all, but it's fun to point out that basically the entire French version is an ode to god

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[–] PigeonObese [score hidden] 40 minutes ago

I don't think anyone in french canada would mind. It's been left to the original lyrics mainly because most french canadians don't really see themselves in it.
Quebecois.e.s will generally consider Gens du Pays as being their anthem above Ô Canada.

Although I must say that "ode to god" is a bit reductive, it's about 50% "praise god" and 50% "we're great, we're free and we'll fuck shit up if need be"

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[–] PhoenixDog Nova Scotia [score hidden] 3 hours ago

I mean, we *did* change our anthem to "In all of us command"

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[–] Coziestpigeon2 [score hidden] 2 hours ago

Us replaced "thy sons" though, not the god-stuff.

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[–] PhoenixDog Nova Scotia [score hidden] 2 hours ago

You know that had religious connotation, right?

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[–] Dungeonmancer [score hidden] 2 hours ago

It did, but that's not why it was removed.

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[–] KnobWobble [score hidden] 2 hours ago

Which I never remember, as basically the only time I sing the anthem now is at hockey games once or twice a year.

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[–] mutawhisk [score hidden] 26 minutes ago

Changed it back*

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[–] my_monkey_loves_me [score hidden] 2 hours ago

This 100%

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[–] kris_mischief [score hidden] 45 minutes ago

I disagree: "God" means many things to many people, and doesn't even have to correlate to any specific religion or religiousness at all, but rather simple spirituality.

Funding religious institutions bothers me 10000x more than lyrics in a song or words on bank notes.

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[–] 1lluminist [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Couldn't agree more. This should be a far higher priority

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[–] PigeonObese [score hidden] 48 minutes ago

And from the charter of rights and freedom

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[–] Elite_Deforce [score hidden] 33 minutes ago

You can "affirm" oaths now instead of "swearing" them, which is the traditional, religious equivalent.

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[–] WolvenSpectre [score hidden] 29 minutes ago

AIUI you can affirm all oaths just like in court.

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[–] fooph [score hidden] 13 minutes ago

Replace it with an "O Canada" when you sing it. Like it was before 1967.

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[–] albatroopa [score hidden] 4 hours ago

I don't know that I've ever had to pledge allegiance to the queen.

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[–] trackofalljades Ontario [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Everyone who isn't born with their Canadian citizenship, or can't have it conferred to them by their parents, still has to (if they want to become a citizen here).

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[–] HopeRepresentative35 [score hidden] 1 hour ago

It is one of the calls to action requested by the TRC. Oath of citizenship changed from to the Queen and laws… to the Queen, laws and treaties. That one should be done by now.

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[–] pensezbien [score hidden] 1 hour ago

That has now happened, as of recently:

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/discover-canada/read-online/oath-citizenship.html

Link is to the current official study guide for the citizenship test. I look forward to swearing the oath myself in probably July or August - I'm currently awaiting the invitation from IRCC.

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[–] HopeRepresentative35 [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Congratulations!

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[–] I_MELT_STEEL_BEAMS [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I did it but didn't actually repeat the words and crossed my fingers. Fuck this shit, my other citizenship says *I am* my own sovereign.

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[–] ThePoliteCanadian Richmond Hill [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Bro I was 5, it can't be legally binding looool

Even if it is i'm 100% sure I stood there and didn't say a word because the whole ordeal was frightening for a 5 year old.

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[–] pensezbien [score hidden] 1 hour ago

It's not required for that age, no. You were probably present just to be with your family.

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[–] blandtomatoes [score hidden] 55 minutes ago

When I did it (2014ish), they had people in the aisles watching to make sure you were actually saying the words. It was nuts.

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[–] HollywooAccounting [score hidden] 4 hours ago

Certain government jobs require taking an oath to the crown or something like that.

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[–] apparex1234 [score hidden] 4 hours ago

All new citizens have to take an oath to the queen and all her descendants.

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[–] wrgrant [score hidden] 2 hours ago

"The Queen and all her heirs and successors in perpetuity" is the phrase they used when I was sworn into the Canadian Forces if I recall correctly.

Personally I don't mind the Oath to the Queen - she's just a figurehead - but I can see it being replaced with an oath to Canada itself without too much grief. Certainly there could be an option to use a different oath.

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[–] haysoos2 [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I can sort of see such an oath for joining the armed forces. That should be serious commitment, with a bit more seriousness and circumstance than getting a name badge at Tim Hortons.

Although I'm not sure it necessarily needs to be to the Queen.

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[+] ***ashtobro*** *comment score below threshold[score hidden] (7 children)*

[–] Satanscommando [score hidden] 3 hours ago

The military still swears an oath to the queen and her family.

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[–] TheFaster [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Pretty sure it's all gov jobs. I worked very low level intern IT and had to swear it. It felt absolutely ridiculous.

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[+] ***harrypottermcgee*** *comment score below threshold[score hidden] (2 children)*

[–] Glory-Birdy1 [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Crown servants, as opposed to civil servants..

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[–] velcrovagina [score hidden] 2 hours ago

My dad, of recent Irish ancestry (born in Scotland but both parents born in Ireland) died a permanent resident of Canada rather than a citizen because he couldn't in good conscience swear loyalty to the crown. I remember pleading with him to just do it so he could be fully secure here, vote, etc, and him saying he did want to be Canadian and felt Canadian but wouldn't lie to make it happen.

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[–] 1_9_8_1 [score hidden] 37 minutes ago

Holy fuck. That is awesome. Such respect.

One day hopefully their island will unite.

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[–] Thoushaltdenycheese [score hidden] 4 hours ago

I had to when working for the provincial government of Ontario. I was allowed to oppose the statement involving god, but not the Queen. I was very vocally opposed to this.

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[–] EauDeElderberries [score hidden] 3 hours ago

The real question remains though; did you deny their cheese?

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[–] 1_9_8_1 [score hidden] 38 minutes ago

French cheese is better than English anyways.

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[–] --0mn1-Qr330005-- [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I connect video conferences for courtrooms and other important entities. I was very surprised to see the lawyers pledge allegiance to the queen lol.

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[–] dayones [score hidden] 2 hours ago

They used to make us say this in elementary school after the anthem. It was strange. Only good thing was laughing about pledging allegiance to “her hairs and successors” when the student reading it (which changed daily) mispronounced “heirs”

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[–] bewarethetreebadger [score hidden] 2 hours ago

Some guy came to our school in Grade 7 and did a mock citizenship ceremony for us in the gym. It included a paper certificate for each of us and the oath to the Queen. I moved my mouth but didn't say the oath, because fuck monarchy.

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[–] psyclopes [score hidden] 1 hour ago

I had to do it every week in Brownies and Girl Guides:

"I promise on my honour to do my duty to God, my Queen, and my country."

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[–] Big_Knife_SK [score hidden] 51 minutes ago

Everyone who works for the Fed Gov does. Even our copyright goes to "Her Majesty Queen in Right of Canada".

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[–] drunk_with_internet [score hidden] 3 hours ago

When I was called to the bar, about half of my graduating class chose to swear an optional oath to the Queen. I was not one of them.

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[–] NotEnoughDriftwood FPTP sucks! [S] [score hidden] 3 hours ago*

In Ontario this was due to Mohawk lawyer, Patricia Monture-Angus filing a law suit. It never went to court - the law society made the oath optional. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patricia_Monture-Angus

Her books are great.

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[–] trackofalljades Ontario [score hidden] 3 hours ago

The good news for all us immigrants waiting on our citizenship applications to be processed is...the backlog is so long that we'll probably never have to! □♂

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[–] vduseev [score hidden] 2 hours ago

How long have you been waiting?

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[–] kinnavenomer [score hidden] 1 hour ago

No OP but I just swore my oath in March, 18 months after filing my application. I read somewhere the other day that the *current* backlog is resulting in an average wait time of 27 months, *way* worse than what my family experienced.

For reference, the standard processing time pre-Covid was ~10 months.

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[–] carloscede2 [score hidden] 53 minutes ago

Not OP but applied November 2020, ceremony is next week

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[–] Melodic-Moose3592 [score hidden] 4 hours ago

I was told I have to do it when I apply for citizenship. I’m in Quebec so my friends here told me I will have to do it and then immediately forget about it

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[–] AbsenteeFatherTime [score hidden] 4 hours ago

End the monarchy.

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[–] burkey0307 [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Meh, being a republic is worse. The monarchy has no real power here anyway.

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[–] agha0013 ✔ I voted! J'ai voté! [score hidden] 3 hours ago

How is a republic any worse? The rules would all mostly be the same, we'd just shed some meaningless symbolic crap that costs money but provides nothing in return.

If the monarchy has no power, why should we waste time and money maintain those symbols?

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[–] burkey0307 [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Look at the quality of life in constitutional monarchies across the world vs republics. Some of the most desirable countries in the world are constitutional monarchies like Canada, New Zealand, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, the UK. That symbolic crap actually plays a large role in the stability of our democracy. There is no benefit to abolishing the monarchy, and it would not be a simple thing to accomplish.

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[–] agha0013 ✔ I voted! J'ai voté! [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Switzerland, Germany, France are also in the top ten list, they aren't constitutional monarchies.

It's not purely because of the monarchies that they have high standards of living and stable democracies.

The whole list has a lot of common aspects that make them what they are, the monarchy may factor in here and there but isn't a rule for stability.

Also, there's a long list of not exactly happy monarchies out there too that aren't much better than dictatorships.

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[–] **WhyIsThatImportant** [score hidden] 33 minutes ago

Okay, but Thailand is a constitutional monarchy, and it has a coup every other year. Japan is a constitutional monarchy, and it has a huge embedded party problem (the same damn party dominates its parliament). I love that you list constitutional monarchies (and many of them under oath to the Queen) but you only list the stable ones; Belize, New Guinea, and Jamaica are also constitutional monarchies under the Queen. You're putting the cart before the horse mate

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[–] **LogKit** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

Why does the role of the monarch need to be performed by a hereditary descendant of a specific bloodline?

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[–] **SoundByMe** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Absurd argument. You just cherry picked stable monarchies. This is actually so foolish haha

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[–] **lilzaiche** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

People keep saying this like it’s true. It’s not. The monarch can absolutely dissolve government. That’s not symbolic power.

Just because it hasnt happened yet, doesn’t mean it cant.

The very nature of discussing, or espousing a desire of removing the monarch, is in fact seditious behaviour.

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[–] **microwavedcheezus** [score hidden] 5 minutes ago

Have you seen the US recently?

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[–] **ashtobro** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

That statement is so dumb on so many levels. If a Monarchy DOES have power it should DEFINITELY be abolished, and if it doesn't... why would you want it?!

Seriously, do you even think about these things? You have absolutely 0 reason to think that, and I have half a mind that you're not stupid but are instead playing dumb. Unless you unironically think keeping colonial aggressors in power of a sovereign country is a good idea.

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[–] **burkey0307** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

> do you even think about these things?

Do you? Your entire thought process is "british monarchy is bad, so we need to just toss it all in the garbage".

> keeping colonial aggressors in power of a sovereign country

In what way does the british royal family have power over Canada? Only the Queen has any official power here, but her role in government is performed by the GG.

People these days are so quick to use scorched earth tactics on anything they remotely disagree with. Our system of government has been working great for a long time, we have one of the most stable democracies in the world, but no, let's open up the constitution and change everything about the way our government works, re-name hundreds of buildings and institutions, worsen our relationship with the UK and the commonwealth, because of your own personal feelings.

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[–] **Bensemus** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

Changing Canada to a Republic means changing the constitution. Good luck getting all the provinces agreeing to that.

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[–] **lilzaiche** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Abolish parliament, direct rule by lizzie.

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[–] **Private_4160** [score hidden] 44 minutes ago

This is the real answer.

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[–] **microwavedcheezus** [score hidden] 3 minutes ago

She's going to live forever anyway, might as well. Anyone who owns corgis is ok in my book.

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[–] **Idkpinepple** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

No real point. That would just be a massive waste of resources(reprinting all of our currency, rewriting quite literally all of our constitutional documents) for basically zero benefit. We have bigger issues right now.

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[–] **caninehere** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

There's no reason we would have to reprint currency. Just remove the Queen's image starting with the next printing. We can take away the monarchy's future role but it will still always be a part of our history.

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[–] **PhoenixDog** Nova Scotia [score hidden] 3 hours ago

I agree.

We have a lot of more important issues to get figured out first, but we definitely should remove ourselves from the monarchy, especially when Liz finally kicks it.

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[–] MapleTreeWithAGun [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Better idea: just don't acknowledge any successor to Lizzie and pretend she's still our monarch.

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[–] benstrumentalist [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I just became a citizen and was required to say the oath to the Queen. Thanks to the work done by prior immigrants, I have the legal right now to disavow that part of the oath, on record with the government of Canada. Disavowing my loyalty to the queen and her successors is next on my citizenship task list.

The "Court of Appeal for Ontario [has] written: "... the appellants have the opportunity to publicly disavow what they consider to be the message conveyed by the oath ..." (2014 ONCA 578, paragraph 76-80)

"The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration [writes]: "... there are no laws in Canada that state that a person loses citizenship if the individual recants part of the oath that was sworn at the time the individual became a citizen"."

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[–] Captcha_Imagination [score hidden] 2 hours ago

So there's no way to excuse yourself from that obligation prior to?

My SO is doing her test soon.

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[–] benstrumentalist [score hidden] 1 hour ago

There is not, but you can disavow afterwards.

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[–] AlgonquinPine [score hidden] 2 hours ago*

Ugh, so hesitant to even put this out, because I understand the attitude towards wanting to move forward when monarchy seems to be a step in the opposite direction. When I left Canada as a teenager when my mother re-married, I was crazy about every little bit of connection to Canada I could still have, right down to HM being on our money. I've since come to realize that any monarchial attachment I have was first born in that sort of space. But here goes:

I don't view the Crown as an enemy, despite my otherwise leftist personal politics and opinions. To me it is a vestige of some trace of sanity and stability in politics that exists in a place above giving love to the latest popular opinion on something, or worse, the minority opinion that has come to the forefront thanks to FPTP.

That said, if people want the monarchy gone, what do we replace it with? One expense gives way to another, and the head of state position becomes politicized.

I get people wanting to throw off the shackles of a colonial past, especially if said people are First Nations. From my perspective as a Franco-Ontarian, I am fully in support of recognizing that any national identity Canada developed from was at the expense of those already living here (and in the case of some nations, being promised protection and land in exchange for loyalty to the Crown after military support was given in 1812 and then... not getting it) while also acknowledging that my language and culture surviving came about from a rather enlightened attitude of a conquering power through the efforts of agents like Guy Carleton.

Furthermore, while Canadian legal tradition and political heritage come from largely British and French origins, I don't take any offense to Justin Trudeau saying that Canada is a post-national state. We have so many different cultures and people now living here with more an emphasis on finding common ground in shared values. Whenever I have come across Canada as a topic of conversation elsewhere in the world, I typically get the impression that we are seen as a more amicable alternative to go to than the United States, rather than anything relating to the Crown...

Unless they are from *most* Commonwealth countries. As someone who is personally fond of trying to make it as a species rather than get bogged down into a parochial mentality, I've actually found common ground *through* the Crown with friends from Cameroon and the Bahamas. The Queen and Prince Charles have certainly made the Commonwealth a priority to push for, and not, I think, out of a desire to hold on a dead Empire. They both have their faults and failings, absolutely, but I don't like throwing out the baby with the bath water.

TL;DR: I guess I just don't think this a is a hill we need to die on while other things are going on. In context, if you want to end the monarchy as a statement on social inequality or because it seems to be propping up illusions of a grand colonial past, understood. If you support the monarchy as I do because of the ideal it represents for a shared Commonwealth to serve as a monument for how we can grow from those failings, agreed. If you are just grrr fancy jewels and decadent symbolism bad, then... vote it out, I guess. Maybe direct that passion towards more pressing issues, though?

Edit: Yes, I've posted on the Monarchist subreddit before. Don't sweat it, though, if you look through my post history, you can see at best that I'm a very soft monarchist (Monarcho-socialist at that) and not into the heavy alt-right stuff that seems to spout like crazy there.

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[–] Private_4160 [score hidden] 43 minutes ago

Same bud

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[–] xX_Dokkaebi_Xx [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I just really like the cool fancy symbols, jewels and decor that comes with having the monarchy, and well, a common bond between folks from other commonwealth nations.

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[–] ChocoTunda ✔ I voted! J'ai voté! [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Virgin monarchy lover: - un-ironically believes the monarchy has birth right to rule - loves them because they were told to and defends them at every turn

vs

Chad monarchy existence enjoyer: - only likes the monarchy because of the aesthetic - understands trying to do anything right now about getting rid of them would be unreasonable and overly complicated when leaving it as is currently, does no harm - enjoys the shared connection to other common-wealth nations

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[–] crashcanuck [score hidden] 28 minutes ago

Oh god, this is too exact comparing yhe one guy in my department to me. He loves the monarchy in a really cringey way vs me liking the tradition of it but that's about it.

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[–] Johnny_Gage [score hidden] 7 minutes ago

And, I'd add to that the Monarchy and it's symbols are one more thing that separates us from being overrun by American Culture.

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[–] H-E-Pennypacker_ [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Monarchism is embarrassing in any form, and "monarcho-socialism" is a contradiction in terms.

And when you mention "not wanting to throw the baby out with the bath water" in the context of keeping Elizabeth and Charles around, would you consider their willingness to shelter their pedophile son/brother from scrutiny and consequences to be a part of the "baby" or the "bath water" in your analogy?

The whole thing is rotten. It needs to go and no "leftist" who takes their views seriously would consider keeping it in place to be an acceptable outcome.

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[–] AlgonquinPine [score hidden] 45 minutes ago

Yes, the Andrew garbage was definitely a blight on the Crown, and he should face actual legal consequences over it. Truth be told, it probably stung her pretty bad seeing as how they were so close. I can see a much more outspoken Charles doing something about it when she is gone.

I've never felt "embarrassed" that Canada has a queen. Monarcho-socialism is a rare bird but not a contradictory one. Nothing requires socialism to be attached to a federal or unitary state, likewise nothing requires monarchy to be only absolutist and rightist in nature. Such strikes me as logical fallacy.

I applaud your being passionate about your political opinions. I also have to ask, again, is this really a hill we need to die on right now? If anything, the nature of the Canadian monarchy might help keep us in national unity when there are very loud, often far right, elements trying to split up the country.

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[–] Monotreme_monorail [score hidden] 1 hour ago

I think you've offered a pretty nuanced take on the issue. I don't think there is a right or wrong feeling about it, but it's certainly more complex than the "monarchy bad" simplistic comments that inevitably come when the Queen is brought up.

The history of colonialism is definitely tainted in a lot of peoples minds, and it supports the push to remove the Queen as head of state. However, I don't really see the benefit to the people of Canada in removing her. It would be a long and costly (not to mention, controversial) process with a low possibility of success, and little real impact to our daily lives, other than to sever our ties with the rest of the Commonwealth.

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[–] the_grand_apartment [score hidden] 2 hours ago

That's a lot of words to say nothing

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[–] AlgonquinPine [score hidden] 1 hour ago

I basically said that the Crown as it exists now ain't so bad. I also said I recognize that people have reasons for wanting it gone, but I don't think this is a hill we need to die on. I also noted that we would have to replace the position of head of state with something that would be just as, if not more, expensive and politicized.

I believe I covered that in my much shorter TL;DR paragraph. Many words, something definitely said.

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[–] caninehere [score hidden] 1 hour ago

If we were going to get rid of the monarchy we would be fine getting rid of the head of state position altogether. Our PM already represents us on a global level.

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[–] eastvanarchy [score hidden] 2 hours ago

being any kind of monarchist is embarrassing you should feel bad

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[–] Private_4160 [score hidden] 41 minutes ago

So is unironic anarcho-X.

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[–] eastvanarchy [score hidden] 30 minutes ago

it's just a username smartguy

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[–] Private_4160 [score hidden] 24 minutes ago

It's an open-ended statement broski.

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[–] NURMeyend [score hidden] 5 hours ago

Fuck the Queen

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[–] StuckInsideYourWalls [score hidden] 5 hours ago

And fuck royals.

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[–] caninehere [score hidden] 1 hour ago

Except Prince Andrew. He's only into kids.

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[–] Gr8CanadianSpeedo [score hidden] 2 hours ago

She a baddie

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[–] tribore_resistance [score hidden] 5 minutes ago

out of all the royals she's probably the best no?

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[–] mcshaggy [score hidden] 4 hours ago

I don't know why they have to swear an oath to the country. I never did.

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[–] patrix299 [score hidden] 4 hours ago

You don't have to unless you work for the government

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[–] **sadgrl-badgrl** [score hidden] 4 hours ago

You have to in order to become citizen.

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[–] **mcshaggy** [score hidden] 4 hours ago

I'm a citizen but was born here so I didn't have to. The whole idea is stupid.

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[–] **agha0013** ✔ I voted! J'ai voté! [score hidden] 3 hours ago

point being that it's all meaningless. If a natural born Canadian never has to swear an oath to crown or nation in their lives, why should an immigrant?

By signing your citizenship documents, you're agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of being a Canadian citizen (something your parents do on your behalf when they fill out paperwork and get your birth certificate) so what's the point of an oath on top of that?

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[–] **Zonel** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

It's to the Queen, not to the country.

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[–] **mcshaggy** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

Oh. Well that's somehow less stupid. /s

Edited to add: that the rest of the oath they have to do is stupid. So is the test.

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[–] **1_9_8_1** [score hidden] 36 minutes ago

It is legit insane that students stand at attention to the anthem every day in Canadian schools. I never thought about it as a kid, but is bananas now.

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[–] **canarchist** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

It hardly matters, if a political party ran on the proposal to dispense with the monarchy, not enough of them would show up to vote anyway.

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[+] ***ashtobro*** *comment score below threshold[score hidden] (2 children)*

[–] **Doctor_Amazo** Toronto [score hidden] 3 hours ago

..... so? If you were born in Canada you don't have to say the oath of allegiance to the Queen, you're already considered one of her subjects. This is only something trucked out during immigration ceremonies. It's not like we're Americans, "roman saluting" the Canadian flag while pledging allegiance to Her Majesty like some weird drones in a fascist state.

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[–] **broyoyoyoyo** [score hidden] 3 hours ago*

Immigration ceremonies, government jobs, elected offices, and our armed forces. Having to say the oath of allegiance is more common in Canada than you think.

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[–] **ULTRAFORCE** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Those are all things where it's not suprising to be having to do something which indicates that you are loyal to the country.

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[–] **phedinhinleninpark** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

But isn't loyalty to the country. It's loyalty to a monarch on a different continent.

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[–] **ULTRAFORCE** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

No, the whole thing is that it's as the article mentions "be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, her heirs and successors."

If the UK had a revolution, she'd still be Queen of Canada. The fact that the sovereign of Canada happens to be a monarch living on a different continent isn't really relevant.

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[–] **BattyShrimpers** Rural Canada [score hidden] 3 hours ago

You can be loyal to the country but disloyal to the monarchy.

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[–] **ULTRAFORCE** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

As far as loyal to the country in this case it's loyal to the government of the country, the head of the government of the country in this case is the Head of State who is the Canadian Crown which is occupied currently by Queen Elizabeth the Second.

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[–] **broyoyoyoyo** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

The monarchy is NOT the country. I despise the monarchy but love my country.

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[–] **ULTRAFORCE** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Country in this case is related to the government and laws, passports and laws are written off the authority of the head of state which is the Crown and occupied by the monarch. You can love your country and be disloyal to it, and you can be loyal to your country and despise it, I don't know why you brought up love and despising. Emotional aspects aren't really what Oaths of Allegiances are concerned about.

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[–] **Greenzoid2** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

The country, sure. But to the queen? That's what this article is about

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[–] **ULTRAFORCE** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

The country's legalize stuff such as The Constitution Acts, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and so on are officially enacted by the Crown's authority that is to say the Queen. Love it or hate it that's simply how it is.

Charter of Rights and Freedoms "Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:"

Canada Act 1982 "Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:"

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[–] **Doctor_Amazo** Toronto [score hidden] 1 hour ago

OK.... still so? We're a constitutional monarchy. If the pomp and circumstance requires the words what's the big deal?

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[–] **ModafinilFiend** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

> Constitutional monarchy

you misspelled stolen native land

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[–] **NotEnoughDriftwood** FPTP sucks! [S] [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Call to the bar.

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[–] **Zonel** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

It's optional for that.

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[–] **ashtobro** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

How is their stuff weird but ours normal?

> It's not like we're Americans, "roman saluting" the Canadian flag while pledging allegiance to Her Majesty like some weird drones in a fascist state.

I don't even know what to say to this. You seem like a nationalistic xenophobe pretending it's only okay when we do it, when it's weird regardless.

Also Canada is a Fascist State because the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are Fascists. They both inspired and outlasted the literal Nazis, on top of countless other explicitly fascistic things through history.

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[–] **Doctor_Amazo** Toronto [score hidden] 1 hour ago

> How is their stuff weird but ours normal?

Because we don't have kids across the nation pledging allegiance to the queen in a cult like daily ceremony.

> You seem like a nationalistic xenophobe pretending it's only okay when we do it, when it's weird regardless.

LOL and you seem like a poor judge of character.

> Also Canada is a Fascist State because the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are Fascists.

Yeah.... and folks like you are the reason why the right-wing say "YoU cAlL eVeRyThInG fAsCiSt ThAt YoU dIsAgReE wItH!"

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[–] **tigermelon** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

This is not news. I care about just about everything else more than this.

Sorry. Just ranting that I would prefer news outlets to talk about real issues.

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[–] **AnchezSanchez** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

As a Scotsman who is completely anti-monarchy... I am quite loath to have to swear allegiance to the queen at my upcoming swearing in ceremony. Can I note pledge allegiance to The Great One instead???

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[–] **caninehere** [score hidden] 59 minutes ago

Just mumble "Latifah" really quietly under your breath after the Queen part.

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[–] **ArcticTern4theWorse** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

/r/abolishthemonarchy

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[–] **Maw_2812** [score hidden] 46 minutes ago

God save the Queen

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[–] **OriginalNo5477** [score hidden] 4 hours ago

You also have to do it when being sworn into the CAF which has hurt recruiting alongside the usual fuckery involved with the CAF.

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[–] **broyoyoyoyo** [score hidden] 3 hours ago

I've heard that the CAF is pretty deep into the royalist sauce? e.g. I read somewhere that toasting the queen and royal family during dinner events is the norm.

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[–] **A_Local_Communist** [score hidden] 3 hours ago*

God Save the Queen/King is played at most, if not all, change of command ceremonies, parades, acts of remembrance, mess dinners and most other army shindigs.

Yes, a lot of troops love to get lost in the Queen's sauce. In my personal experience, younger troops didn't care for it, but, they put up with it as there is most definitely peer pressure to conform to the group in the CAF, but, the ancient dinosaurs from time immemorial loved the shit. Never met so many royalist types in my life.

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[–] **OriginalNo5477** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

It's nigh impossible to find troops that arent deep in the sauce, especially leadership. In my experience it's usually the Jack's, CSM's and company commanders that are very open about it.

At Christmas dinner we're not allowed to get up and piss until AFTER we've done our toast to the queen, which the old guard will fight tooth and nail to keep in place since it's tradition.

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[–] Glory-Birdy1 [score hidden] 3 hours ago

..sworn into the CAF, becoming a member of a Privy Council, joining the RCMP /CSIS, Air controllers (before privatization)..

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[–] PM_ME_UR_CATS_TITS [score hidden] 2 hours ago

My quick sampling of people who grew up on the Rez returned with "fuck the queen"

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[–] Routine-Arugula-1177 [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Queen is the head of state… we could end the constitutional monarchy we live under. Throw away the sins of the British empire while we are at it.

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[–] veldalken_ ✔ I voted! J'ai voté! [score hidden] 2 hours ago

That's a lot more work, and much more complicated than it seems

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[–] eastvanarchy [score hidden] 2 hours ago

doing good things takes work? oh well forget it then

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[–] pheakelmatters [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I got the hassle the other day for saying the Monarchy is a theocratic institution and it's at the center of our government. If we ever want true separation of church and state we cannot remain a Monarchy. As it stands right now, every law enacted by Canada is done in the Queen's name, and the Queen's legal authority is derived from quite literally, "Because god said so". You can argue it's only ceremonial all you want, it's still an ass backwards ceremony where we all must take a knee to a wealthy European family for no justifiable reason.

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[–] Hawkwise83 [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I don't know why we give a crap about British oligarchs. Their just rich people with dumb outfits and traditions. They provide us with no value. Any lands they own in Canada should be seized by the government.

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[–] enviropsych [score hidden] 3 hours ago

The best argument for having the Queen as our head of state is actually an argument against it. I've heard blind-traditionalists in r/canada say basically, "oh, you're getting all in a huff about nothing. Don't you know anything? The Queen doesn't ACTUALLY have any power in our system, she isn't ACTUALLY involved in our government processes....you idiot!!!" Ok. Then if her being there is so pointless, why fight to keep her there? If her place in our government is symbolic then wouldn't changing to a different role as head of state not affect you at all? Aren't you arguing that it doesn't matter who's there? In reality this argument reveals the REAL best and only argument for keeping the Queen as our head of state...tradition. Tradition for its own sake.

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[–] Bensemus [score hidden] 2 hours ago

Removing her as head of state means changing the constitution. That will be almost impossible to do.

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[–] palkiajack Alberta [score hidden] 2 hours ago

More accurately, it would mean *writing* a constitution, since Canada's constitution is largely unwritten and all legitimacy of government is currently derived from the crown itself.

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[–] enviropsych [score hidden] 2 hours ago

It's more and more possible the more of us say we want it. What you're saying is a total non-sequitor to what I'm saying. I'm saying she shouldn't be our head of state. Completely besides the point of what it would take to change the law. Completely different argument. You're arguing against someone else, friend, not me. I never said it was easy. See, you overplayed your hand. You assumed something about me and then argued against that assumption.

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[–] Maeglin8 [score hidden] 2 hours ago

I'm indifferent to OK about the royals. But changing to a different role as head of state would affect me, because I'd have to kiss the ass of whoever that new head of state is (and I'd hate to have to kiss the ass of any of the likely candidates, my opinions of the likely candidates vary from "mildly dislike as long as I'm free to largely ignore them" to "that guy is fucking awful"), and because whoever that new head of state is would add the power that goes with head of state, which is trivial on its own, to the power that role already has, and the sum of those powers might not be trivial.

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[–] enviropsych [score hidden] 2 hours ago

> I'd have to kiss the ass of whoever that new head of state

Why? Why would you have to do this?

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[–] thisismySFWprofile British Columbia [score hidden] 2 hours ago

What will we do with our money then????

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[–] Ambitious-Ad6900 [score hidden] 1 hour ago*

The other less than half that don't opose are those of us who did it to become Canadians and we didn't mind it because we accept that we came to a country that is a constitutional monarchy and which head of state is the british monarch and we accepted those conditions?

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[–] Crawgdor [score hidden] 1 hour ago

I'm fine with singing god save the queen once or twice a year at remembrance day and maybe Canada Day. But that's enough.

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[–] konathegreat [score hidden] 3 hours ago

Good. The entire monarchy is an outdated structure we could do without.

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[–] **tamerenshorts** [score hidden] 4 hours ago

Ah ça ira! Ça ira!

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[–] **PigeonObese** [score hidden] 36 minutes ago

Le peuple en ce jour sans cesse répète :

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[–] **probablynotaskrull** [score hidden] 2 hours ago

This is a hill I would totally die on.

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[–] **MapleTreeWithAGun** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

I'm mostly chill with Lizzie, but I absolutely refuse to acknowledge any successor.

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[–] **spideralexandre2099** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

fuck the royals

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[–] **Mastermaze** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

When the Queen passes away Canada should take a serious look at our constitution and strongly consider removing the monarchy, making our country properly secular in its legal language (remove references to the Christian "God"), and reorganize the confederation so that all provinces, territories, and First Nations (grouped however they see fit) have equal legal power in the national context

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[–] **SoundByMe** [score hidden] 1 hour ago

When the queen dies and we have to change all our money to the next crowned lizard I think a lot more people will be fine with getting rid of the monarchy.

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[–] **Repulsive_Seaweed_70** [score hidden] 48 minutes ago

That would be half of canadians polled. How many and where did they live? Gotta love polls.

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[–] **MrSnoobs** [score hidden] 46 minutes ago

I am a UK citizen living in Canada as a PR. I have never given an oath of allegiance to the Queen. Seems perverse almost to have to do so if I ever wanted to become a citizen here...

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[–] **Private_4160** [score hidden] 38 minutes ago

And I'd like the option to swear it on record without an additional circumstance bringing it up.

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[–] **WolvenSpectre** [score hidden] 30 minutes ago

Since we are a free country, and citizens do not have to do this, and now they are citizens, I wonder on the legality of leaving and signing a witnessed statement that they recant their oath.

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[–] **Deadly-Unicorn** [score hidden] 26 minutes ago

She was great in the crown. So lovable.

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[–] **Avatar_the_Pig** [score hidden] 5 minutes ago

I mean, she's not YOUR queen. Fucksakes, she's barely even THEIR queen.

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[–] **rumhee** [score hidden] 3 minutes ago

My application for citizenship has been pending for over 28 months now, and right now the only thing stopping it is I am required to join a Zoom call in which I pledge allegiance to the fucking queen.

I abhor the monarchy. It has no place in a democracy. This fucking zoom call has caused me to miss job opportunities and I've been unable to vote in elections because of it, despite having lived here for six years and paying all my taxes in Canada.

Scrap the oath.

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