Attitudes towards the Monarchy

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Strong majority continues to support Monarchy...

**WOULD YOU FAVOUR BRITAIN BECOMING A REPUBLIC OR REMAINING A MONARCHY?**

- **MONARCHY/KING OR QUEEN:** 76%
- **REPUBLIC/ELECTED PRESIDENT:** 17%
- **DON’T KNOW:** 7%

Source: Ipsos MORI/King’s College London

Base: 504 British adults 18+, 13th – 16th February 2016; c. 500-1,000 British adults in each previous poll

Source: Ipsos MORI/King’s College London
...but it makes a difference how you ask it

WOULD YOU FAVOUR BRITAIN BECOMING A REPUBLIC OR REMAINING A MONARCHY?

- 76% in favor of continuing with a king or queen
- 17% in favor of becoming a republic
- 7% don't know

DO YOU THINK BRITAIN SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A KING OR QUEEN AS OUR HEAD OF STATE, OR SHOULD WE HAVE AN ELECTED PRESIDENT?

- 86% in favor of continuing with a king or queen
- 12% in favor of becoming a republic
- 2% don't know

Base: 1,001 British adults 18+, 13th – 16th February 2016 (504 asked first version, 497 asked second version)

Source: Ipsos MORI/King’s College London
How important is the Monarchy to Britain’s future?

Do you think the Monarchy does or does not have an important role to play in the future of Britain?

Source: Ipsos MORI/King’s College London

Base: 1,001 British adults 18+, 13th – 16th February 2016
The graph shows how important the Monarchy is to Britain's future, according to Ipsos MORI polls from 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2016. The base for each poll was approximately 800 to 1,000 British adults aged 18 and above.

- **1998**: 66% agree the Monarchy is important, 28% disagree, and 6% are unsure.
- **1999**: 70% agree, 25% disagree, and 5% are unsure.
- **2000**: 67% agree, 29% disagree, and 4% are unsure.
- **2016**: 75% agree, 20% disagree, and 4% are unsure.

Source: Ipsos MORI
Only a minority think the Queen should retire early, but more are sympathetic when case in favour is put strongly.

**DO YOU THINK THAT THE QUEEN SHOULD ABDICATE AT SOME STAGE, OR SHOULD SHE REMAIN QUEEN AS LONG AS POSSIBLE?**

- **Should abdicate/retire:** 9%
- **Should remain queen:** 70%
- **Don't know:** 21%

**THE QUEEN IS 90 THIS YEAR, AND PRINCE CHARLES HAS WAITED LONGER THAN ANY OTHER HEIR TO THE THRONE IN BRITISH HISTORY. SEVERAL OTHER EUROPEAN MONARCHS HAVE RECENTLY ABDICATED AS THEY REACHED OLD AGE, AND THE LAST POPE ALSO RETIRED IN HIS EIGHTIES. DO YOU THINK THAT THE QUEEN SHOULD RETIRE AT SOME STAGE, OR SHOULD SHE REMAIN QUEEN FOR LIFE?**

- **Should abdicate/retire:** 7%
- **Should remain queen:** 61%
- **Don’t know:** 32%

Base: 1,001 British adults 18+, 13th – 16th February 2016 (504 asked first version, 497 asked second version) 
Source: Ipsos MORI/King’s College London
Most think Prince Charles will make a good King, but he still falls short of the support he had in the early 1990s.

**DO YOU THINK PRINCE CHARLES WILL MAKE A GOOD KING OR A BAD KING WHEN HE COMES TO THE THRONE IN FUTURE?**

- **GOOD KING**: 60%
- **BAD KING**: 22%
- **DON'T KNOW**: 18%

Source: Ipsos MORI/King’s College London

Base: 1,001 British adults 18+, 13th – 16th February 2016; c. 1,000 British adults 18+ in each previous poll

Source: Ipsos MORI/King’s College London
Should the Queen speak out on Brexit?

As you probably know, there will be a referendum in the near future on whether Britain should stay in the European Union or not. Do you think that the Queen should or should not express her views in public on what outcome she believes will be best for Britain?