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**91279 Demonstrate understanding of conflict(s) arising  
from different cultural beliefs and ideas**

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### RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for Social Studies 91279.

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# THE NATURE AND CAUSE OF THE CONFLICT SURROUNDING THE BRITISH MONARCHY IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

## INTRODUCTION

Aotearoa New Zealand's Parliament is responsible for making the laws and looking after the people of the country.

New Zealand's system of government is also a constitutional monarchy, which means our head of state is currently King Charles III. The king does not influence our laws or take part in parliamentary debates. The king is represented by the governor-general, who carries out duties on his behalf.

## Glossary

<b>Apolitical</b>	A person not interested in or concerned with politics, or politically neutral.
<b>Constitution</b>	The set of rules or laws that guide how a country works.
<b>Head of state</b>	The person who holds the highest position of power in a country (usually the leader of the ruling party or a monarch), but their role is often symbolic, such as meeting guests and signing documents.
<b>Lobby group</b>	A group involved in activities aimed at influencing decision-makers in a society.
<b>Monarch</b>	A sovereign with the title of king, queen, emperor, empress, or the equivalent.
<b>Monarchy</b>	A form of government with a monarch as its leader.
<b>Republic</b>	A country where the power is held by elected or nominated individuals rather than a monarch.
<b>Royalist</b>	A person who supports the monarchy.
<b>Sovereign</b>	A person who has supreme power or authority, such as a king or queen.

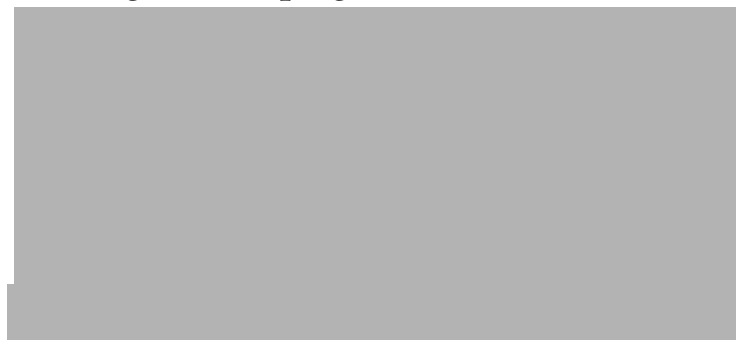
## RESOURCE A: The monarchy debate

The debate over whether New Zealand should have a British monarch has been reignited by the coronation of King Charles III, with people holding different ideas about whether having a British head of state reflects the values and identity of New Zealanders in today's society.





Most New Zealanders thought King Charles III cared about New Zealand and said sharing a monarch with Britain made them feel warmer towards the country.



### Reasons for and against keeping the British monarch as head of state



#### For

- The cost of changing our money, national anthem, laws, etc.
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- The monarch is politically neutral and represents all New Zealanders, regardless of their political views.

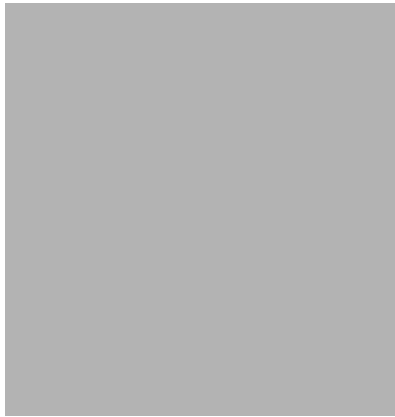
#### Against

- The monarchy is more reflective of our colonial past, not our present.
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- New Zealand should not be led by a monarch who has been given the role solely because of their family.

<b>Activist</b>	A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change.
<b>Economics</b>	A branch of knowledge concerned with the production, consumption, and transfer of wealth.
<b>Monarchist</b>	A person who supports keeping the monarchy as our head of state.
<b>Nationalist</b>	A person who strongly identifies with their own nation and firmly supports its interests.
<b>Traditionalist</b>	An advocate of maintaining tradition (especially resistant to change).

If this petition gains enough signatures, it would show the government just how many people support change, and this could put pressure on them to overhaul our system of government.

### Monarchy New Zealand



Sean Palmer, Monarchy  
New Zealand chairman

Monarchy New Zealand are strong supporters of the Crown and do not want our system of government to change.



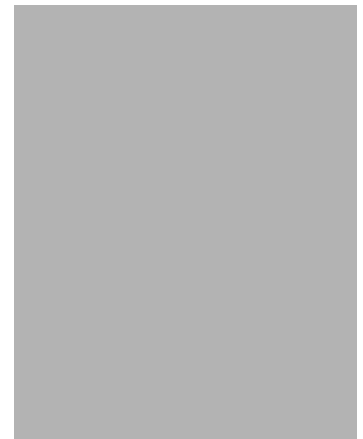
In 2021, Monarchy New Zealand Chairman Sean Palmer said: “We have such an extraordinary institution here, an incredible head of state, a wonderful structure the way this country’s constitution is governed. It’s not that it ain’t broke, it’s that it works better than any system of government that’s ever been tested anywhere”.

### New Zealand Republic

New Zealand Republic – Kia Mana Motuhake a Aotearoa is an incorporated society with an executive that makes day-to-day decisions.



“For every New Zealander who feels a connection with the monarchy, there are plenty of others who believe it symbolises a bygone era, or even a colonial past best consigned to the history books.”

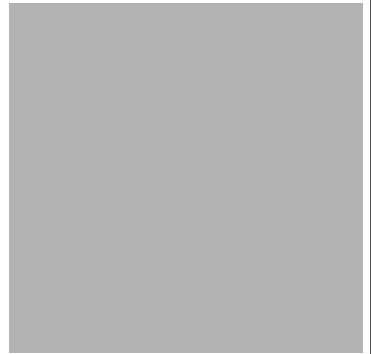


Lewis Holden,  
campaign chair of  
New Zealand Republic



### Good business sense

After the death of Queen Elizabeth II, former prime minister, Sir John Key, said he did not believe New Zealand would, or should, become a republic any time soon. “Obviously I’m a staunch monarchist, but I’ve always thought in this regard, for those who want New Zealand to be a republic, they might want to ask themselves what they would actually get for that.”



Sir John Key, former  
Prime Minister of  
New Zealand

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He said he had always been a monarchist – and points to a business reason for that as well – saying visits by the royals are good for a country’s international exposures. In 2014, when discussing a royal visit from the (then) Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Catherine, (then Prime Minister and Tourism Minister) John Key stated: “The focus of more than 120 international reporters and photographers means pictures and stories of New Zealand are being beamed around the world as the royal tour is reported overseas. As Tourism Minister, I know how valuable that is”.

## **SOCIAL FORCES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONFLICT, AND THEIR EFFECTS**

### **RESOURCE C: Traditional links with the British monarchy**







#### **The monarchy – a constantly evolving institution with the principal purpose of protecting the freedom of all New Zealanders**

*Monarchy.org.nz is a group that aims to educate and advocate for the British monarchy and our system of government. They are strong supporters of the monarch and intense royalists. The following statements from their website explain why they believe it is important to maintain the British monarch as head of state.*

The monarchy is an important part of New Zealand. It's a vital component of our government, a guarantee of our democracy, and a sign of our maturity and independence as a nation. It's a bond we freely share with other countries and a link between our past, present, and future. It's many things to many people, but most importantly, it's something all New Zealanders can be proud of.



Everyone has different reasons for supporting the monarchy in New Zealand. Here are some great reasons to be proud of our great system:

- Monarchies are much more stable and far more successful at protecting democracy than republics.
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- The monarchy adds more colour and ceremony to government. It is the art in government.



## The royal family on tour

Queen Elizabeth II made 10 trips to New Zealand during her 70-year reign.

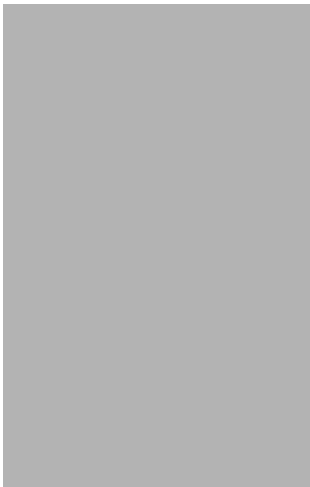
Her children and grandchildren have represented her in New Zealand since.



Racegoers prefer to watch the young Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, rather than the horses at Ellerslie Racecourse on Boxing Day 1953.



Te Arikiniui, Dame Te Atairangikaahu and her husband, Whatumoana Paki, welcome Queen Elizabeth II to Tūrangawaewae Marae, Ngāruawāhia, in 1974.



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, at the national Māori reception given in their honour at Hastings on their tour of New Zealand in 1986. Wearing korowai (Kiwi-feather cloaks), they arrive for the reception at Nelson Park.



Queen Elizabeth II receives flowers from children outside Wellington Cathedral on 24 February 2002.



Prince William meets the crowd in Christchurch in 2019.



### **Why mess with the magic?**

The Right Honourable Winston Peters (current Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and New Zealand First leader) wonders why New Zealand would abandon the monarchy.



Rt Hon Winston Peters

“For the monarchy to survive, in a New Zealand sense, all King Charles III has to do is strive to be as good as his mother was and he will be a successful heir. Queen Elizabeth II imaged a model of service seldom paralleled in all of recorded history.”

**RESOURCE D: A sense of national identity****A New Zealand citizen as head of state affirms  
our independence and represents all of us**

*New Zealand Republic works to promote the idea of changing New Zealand to a republic, removing the British monarch as New Zealand's head of state. The following statements from their website (written when Queen Elizabeth II was New Zealand's head of state, before Charles III was crowned in 2023) explain why they believe it is important for a New Zealand citizen to be the head of state.*

Our current head of state, Queen Elizabeth II, is not a New Zealand citizen and does not represent New Zealand to the world. The Queen represents Great Britain.



A change to our head of state will affirm the values that are important to New Zealanders. It will promote discussion about New Zealand's history and future. It will clarify the values we all see as important. A New Zealand citizen as head of state will be a celebration of our unique culture and heritage. It will demonstrate New Zealand's confidence and independence, and it will symbolise a shared sense of nationhood.

### **Our head of state should reflect who we are**



Constitutional law specialist Andrew Butler, KC.

According to constitutional law expert Andrew Butler, King's Counsel (KC), one of the reasons to favour the Republic of New Zealand is constitutional maturity.



It is time for us to move on from those beginnings and to focus on our relationships going forward. A republic would allow us to make a strong rope from the many strands of our shared history as we prepare for our 2040 bicentenary."

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