

"All his senses have but human conditions"

Shakespeare, *Henry V* (1599), Act 4, Scene 1

For, though I speak it to you, I think the king
is but a man, as I am: the violet smells to him
as it doth to me; the element shows to him as
it doth to me; all his senses have but human
conditions: his ceremonies laid by, in his nakedness
he appears but a man;

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Read the text, choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks, and find the meaning of the underlined words.

What should Buckingham Palace do following the King's cancer diagnosis?

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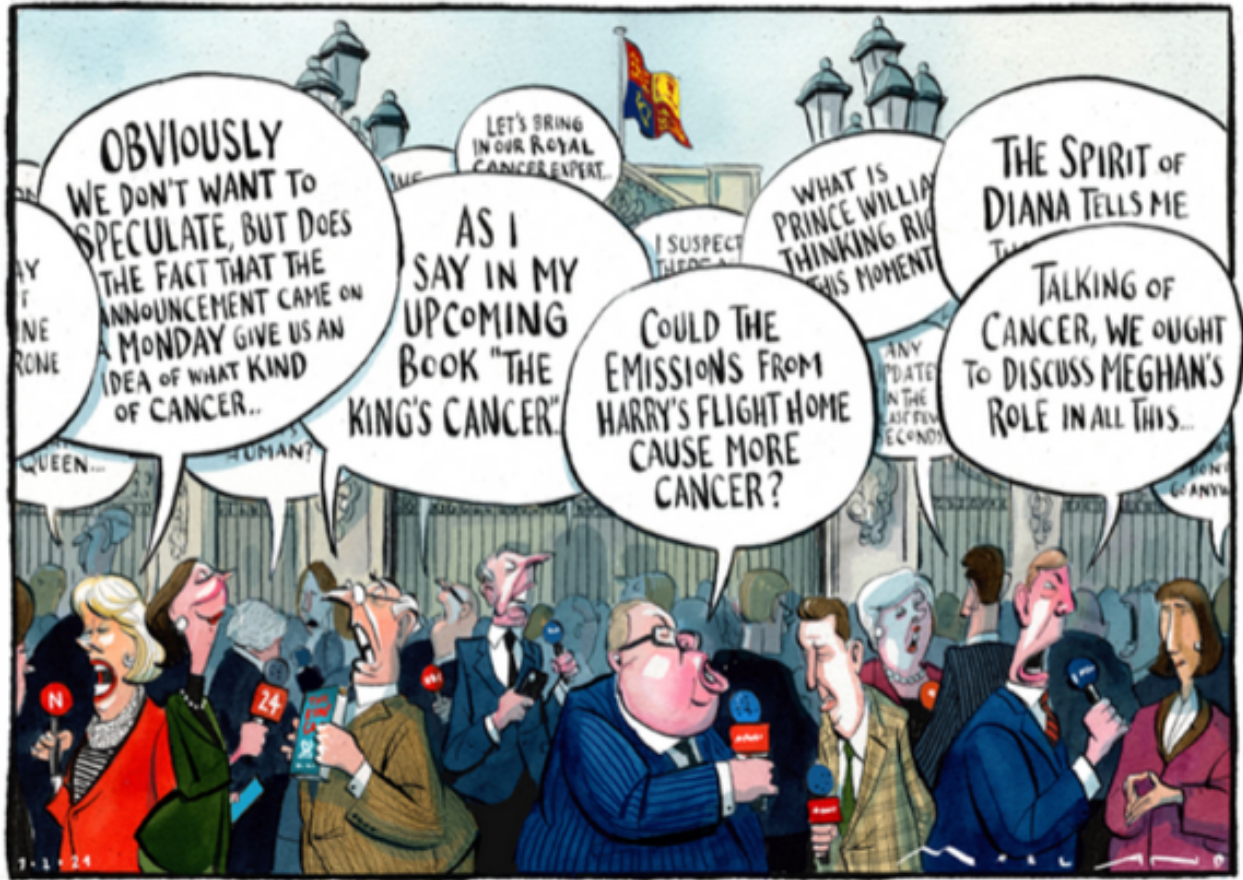
<p>The news, when _____ came, was as stark as anyone _____ imagined. As a Buckingham Palace statement observed: ‘_____ the King’s recent hospital procedure for benign prostate enlargement, a separate issue of concern was noted.’ And then the line that cannot fail to produce a gulp of empathy. ‘Subsequent diagnostic tests have identified a form of cancer.’</p> <p>There _____ rumours of ill health ever since the King went into hospital last month, but there are always rumours concerning the health of the Royal Family, most of _____ are little more than tittle-tattle. The recent discussion as to what is wrong with the Princess of Wales has been particularly <u>unedifying</u> in this regard.</p> <p>Yet there is obviously something seriously wrong with the King, <u>hence</u> the gravity of this evening’s announcement. The statement went on to confirm that he will be beginning treatment and stepping _____ from all of his public duties, although there is no question of his abandoning the role altogether, even temporarily. Instead, it has been made clear that ‘throughout this period, His Majesty will continue to <u>undertake</u> State business and official paperwork as usual.’ However, it has not been made clear as to what kind of cancer the monarch is suffering from, although it has been specified that it isn’t prostate-related.</p> <p>The statement concludes by saying that ‘His Majesty has chosen to share his diagnosis to prevent speculation and in the hope it _____ assist public understanding for all those around the world who are affected by cancer’. It is likely that there will now be some speculation that the King _____ suspected that something else was wrong when he went into the London Clinic recently for the prostate operation that led to the first headlines about his health.</p> <p>Those around him will find themselves in an unenviable position. Offer too _____ information and the rumor mill will <u>swirl</u> uncontrollably; offer too much, and it runs the risk of infringing the King’s privacy, as well, inevitably, as attracting vast amounts of public concern.</p>	<p>a. it b. they c. we</p> <p>a. would b. could have</p> <p>a. During b. For c. While</p> <p>a. are. b. have been c. had been</p> <p>a. whom. b. them c. which</p> <p>unedifying =</p> <p>hence =</p> <p>a. in b. back c. on d. Ø</p> <p>to undertake =</p> <p>a. can b. might c. may d. must</p> <p>a. did b. may c. may have d. has</p> <p>a. little b. much c. many d. few</p> <p>to swirl =</p>
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Certainly, the relatively transparent way in which the news of his health issues has been presented suggests that Buckingham Palace is now operating in a very different way to how it has done in the past, when George VI suffered from cancer without even _____ that he was ill with it (various euphemisms were used instead, to avoid worrying him unduly) and the final decline in Elizabeth II's health was managed with great care, right up until the absolute end.

Yet it also is an inevitable concern that the monarch suffers from this affliction. Charles was not even crowned a year ago, and is still very much finding his feet as king, at a time where his family's actions continue to excite public debate both at home and internationally. There have been rumors of ill health swirling around Charles _____ some time, albeit rooted in little more than gossip and innuendo, but the revelation of his cancer has meant that there will now be far greater basis for such discussions.

a. know. b. he knew c. knowing

a. since b. during c. for
albeit =





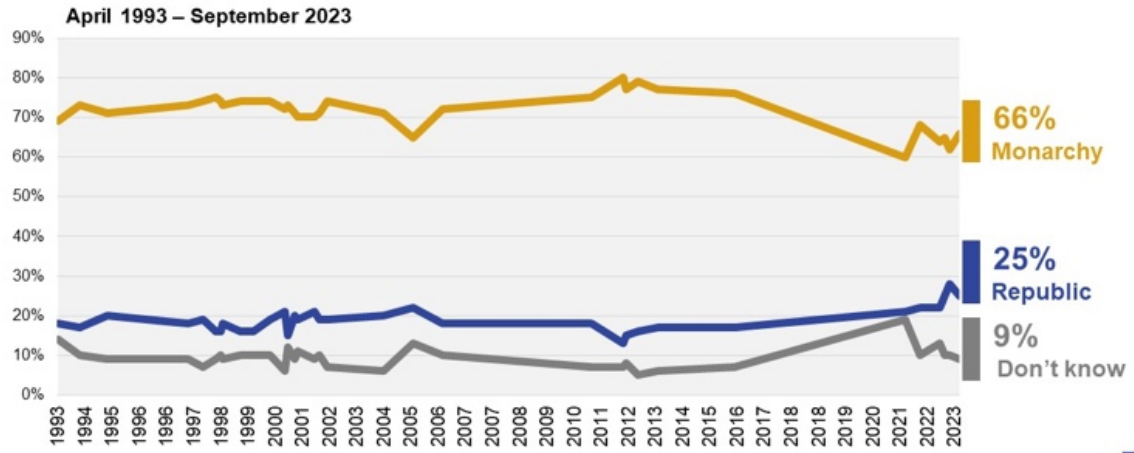
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OVER HERE!!
DO YOU BLAME MEGHAN??
HARRY! SNARL AT THE CAMERAS!
IS THERE A GENUINE RISK OF KING ARKON?
NOT OVER THERE!
IGNORE EVERYTHING ELSE!
STRAIGHT DOWN THE LENS!
ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PIMP!
OVER HERE!!
REJOIN OUR BLANKET COVERAGE AFTER THE BREAK
HARRY! WHO ARE YOU CONSUMED WITH GUILT?
IS IT MALIGNANT? THE MEDIA THAT IS...
IS CAMILLA REGNANT?
WHAT ODDS HAS RISHI GIVEN YOU??
OVER HERE!!
OVER HERE!!
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Should Britain become a republic or remain a monarchy?

Would you favour Britain becoming a republic or remaining a monarchy?



Base: 1,004 British adults 18+, 6-12 September 2023

* Data collected via telephone



% very important for Britain to have a monarchy	Age Group		
	18-34	35-54	55+
1994	21	29	45
2000	19	26	45
2005	35	36	51
2011	35	36	51
2015	32	37	50
2021	14	27	44



📷 A republican protester outside St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, before the ceremony of proclamation for King Charles III. Photograph: Oli Scarff/AFP/Getty Images

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According to Brand Finance's global soft power index 2023, the UK had a global rank of second (just behind the US).



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