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The uncertain future of the British monarchy
The future of the British monarchy after Queen Elizabeth
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The Crown faces the crowd

Problématiques possibles :

-What is the future of the British monarchy ?
-How long will the British monarchy last ?
-To what extent is the future of the British monarchy at stake ?
-Is it the end of the British monarchy ?
-How likely is it that the UK will remain a monarchy after Elizabeth II ?

Proposition de corrigé

Countdown for the British monarchy?

As the monarchy has had to face various crises recently, these documents illustrate the consequences on British people's perception of the Royals. This issue is addressed in the corpus: a 2021 piece from goodmorningamerica.com after an interview with Harry and Meghan, a 2019 BBC article published as the second season of *The Crown* was broadcast, graphs from yougov.com published during the 2020 Covid crisis and a BBC article published after Prince Philip's death last April. **So to what extent is the future of the British monarchy at stake?** Despite some controversial aspects, the general attitude seems to be positive, due to various factors.

The Royal Family has gone through a series of damaging crises. Diana's death triggered criticism from both the press and the public according to document1. Document2 exposes that alleged racism from some of the Royals sparked public disapproval. Furthermore, through the results of opinion polls, both documents1 and3 show that the young generation tends to be more critical towards the monarchy; youngsters mostly think the monarchy does not matter so much in today's society, and the traditional rules of succession seem outdated to them as they mostly prefer William to Charles. This implies that a wind of change may blow after the end of the Queen's reign, mentioned in document4.

Yet despite the scandals and the old-fashioned anachronistic aspects, people remain attached to the monarchy. Most people want the monarchy to continue. More specifically, document 2 points out the fact that the Queen is very popular, as is Prince Philip. When it came to showing support in mourning, as document 4 explains, citizens of all ages gathered to pay tribute, thus belying (*démentir*) the apparent generational divide illustrated in documents1 and3.

The monarchy provides stability and gives the nation confidence. According to document3, when times are hard, Britons look up to the Queen as a beacon (*ici, symbole*) of strength and comfort. Her very longevity, mentioned in document2 makes the Queen a landmark for British people, and the tragic events the Royals face, whether it is death, as in document4 or love dilemmas, as in document2, make people feel close to them. The series *The Crown* has added to this feeling of being part of the royal family. This goes beyond pro or anti-monarchy ideology, it is a mix of admiration, sympathy, proximity and national unity.

Whatever happens when Queen Elizabeth's reign ends, the feeling of stability the monarchy provides is likely to make sure it lives on, even if it may have to adapt to younger generations.

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