

“EVEN WHEN THE ORDER OF SOCIETY SEEMS TO REQUIRE THAT WE SHOULD OPPOSE THEM, WE CAN HARDLY BRING OURSELVES TO DO IT. THAT KINGS ARE SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE, TO BE OBEYED, RESISTED, DEPOSED, OR PUNISHED, AS THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCY MAY REQUIRE, IS THE DOCTRINE OF REASON AND PHILOSOPHY; BUT IT IS NOT THE DOCTRINE OF NATURE. NATURE WOULD TEACH US TO SUBMIT TO THEM FOR THEIR OWN SAKE, TO TREMBLE AND BOW DOWN BEFORE THEIR EXALTED STATION, TO REGARD THEIR SMILE AS A REWARD SUFFICIENT TO COMPENSATE ANY SERVICES, AND TO DREAD THEIR DISPLEASURE, THOUGH NO OTHER EVIL WERE TO FOLLOW FROM IT, AS THE SEVEREST OF ALL MORTIFICATIONS. TO TREAT THEM IN ANY RESPECT AS MEN, TO REASON AND DISPUTE WITH THEM UPON ORDINARY OCCASIONS, REQUIRES SUCH RESOLUTION, THAT THERE ARE FEW MEN WHOSE MAGNANIMITY CAN SUPPORT THEM IN IT, UNLESS THEY ARE LIKewise ASSISTED BY SIMILARITY AND ACQUAINTANCE.”

Aside from the United Kingdom, what other countries have a monarchy as part of their government? Is there evidence that royals are still treated this way?

Do you believe that other rulers are given similar treatment?

Find and discuss four examples—two with royalty and two without.

[Click here to learn more about this quotation from Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*.](#)



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