

Sovereignty for the UK “Dr Karl Popper’s” column v2 3 5 2018

"No rational argument will have a rational effect on a man who does not want to adopt a rational attitude."

We live today in a very complex world. There have been attempts by successive governments in our Country to define a new role for the United Kingdom in World affairs following the return of Sovereignty for the many countries who were members of the British Empire in the last century.

Sovereignty is one of the key words associated with the Referendum vote held in June 2016, and used by the majority of the public is voicing their dissent to Britain’s elite, who want us to remain in the European Union.

Do we, the public, fully understand the meaning of Sovereignty, or does our Elite, who are made up of the Captains of (global) industry and government, together with other privileged groups, really know better when offered the simple binary choice to remain in or leave in the European Union.

For that, in my humble opinion, is the real problem is implementing the democratic decision of the majority of the electorate.

I believe that in our democracy, the public are much more inclined to make decisive binary decisions in everyday life. The Elite are more likely to seek a compromise, based on a ‘better understanding’ of an issue or due to their better education, experience, and/or information.

In Britain much of our thinking about the concerns of Britain’s elite can be seen reflected in the very well written papers setting out the elite’s arguments on global policy and Britain’s Role in today’s world.

The Elite forces at work

Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, is an independent policy institute based in London, and influential among those interested in governing our Country.

I make no secret of being a ‘Leave’ supporter and having actively campaigned for the British people to regain their Sovereignty in my region of England. I come from the ranks of the ‘Public’, not the ‘Elite’. My decision was based on different information to the global thinking of the elite. If I had read and been indoctrinated by the ideas of the ‘Think Tanks’ like Chatham House over many years of my life before the Referendum, I might well have voted differently in my ignorance of the truth , but I think and hope that my upbringing, education, and working experiences would still have led me to the conclusion that Brexit was Best.

Sovereignty is important to the Electorate, but less so to the Elite.

Sovereignty is the full right and power of a governing body over itself, without any interference from outside sources or bodies. In political theory, Sovereignty is a substantive term designating supreme authority over some polity. ([Wikipedia](#))

I have been fortunate enough to live and work in several different countries of the former British Empire, and to witness the return of Sovereignty to three of them. I have also been fortunate to live under a democratic process where decisions are based on the views and opinions of the majority. I have been even more fortunate to receive an education that includes the subjects of negotiation and decision making; the latter taught me there are no right or wrong decisions, only decisions. Decisions lead to progress, negotiations and compromise leads only to additional debate and delay in making or implementing decisions.

Once a decision is made plan and implement it. Only in executing the plan will errors be discovered, and errors can be corrected. As my parents taught me, there is no use crying over spilt milk.

CONCLUSIONS

The Cambridge Dictionary defines Sovereignty as 'the power of a country to control its own government'. Successive elites in our country gave away our Sovereignty without considering the wishes of the 'public'. The 'public', who outnumber the 'elite' at the ballot box, now want that Sovereignty back; elected politicians ignore the will of the people at their peril. The 'elite' should know better and not cry over spilt milk.

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