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We have a prince to be proud of

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Did you catch the TV documentary on Prince Charles last week? It portrayed a passionate man who, at 70, still works until midnight doing everything he can to try and make the world a better place. Accounting for any BBC positive bias, it was nonetheless abundantly clear that this is a man with dignity, kindness, a strong sense of community and hope as the foundation of his passion and energy to do the right thing.

People might say 'it's easy for an unelected prince' but

I'm not so sure. It is a wise man who has everything who dedicates his life to the service of others and the causes he believes will change the course of humanity.

Prince Charles was groomed for duty because of his blood line.

This contrasted starkly with the Trumpian display of petulance, rudeness and immaturity that the world witnessed as the president of the United States turned on CNN reporter Jim Acosta as he questioned him after US mid-term elections and the 'resignation' of the US attorney general Jeff Sessions, who had excused himself from the investigation into Trump.

It strikes me that if your boss asks for your resignation, you have been fired.

Mr Trump was elected by the public. When your leader cheats, lies blatantly, fires the people who won't support him in his deceit and threatens and bans anyone who asks

difficult questions about what they are up to, they more than bring their office into disrepute, they destroy it.

Will anyone ever have full respect for the office of the president of the United States again, after watching the, albeit compelling psychodrama of the Trump incumbency unfold on Twitter and through the eyes of the muzzled press? What propels mankind forwards are the banks of scientists, entrepreneurs and philosophers who re-imagine and reshape what it means to be a human being.

They create new possibilities for mankind whether it be sustainable energy sources, protection against disease, or the equipment that brings the world to us in a phone.

These people deal in hope, kindness, possibility and the opportunity for man to avoid arranging its own extinction.

Facing them full square and working in practice for the destruction of our spe-

cies are the religious fanatics who blame other faiths for all and sundry, the warmongers like Putin who seek advantage in the exploitation of others' weaknesses, and the Trumpian Faragists who fan fears that 'others' are to blame be 'they' a train of desperate South American refugees or the European Union.

The problem for democracy is that as it matures, we are promoting the populist power and blame mongers, who play to our fears rather than our hopes, and who are now destroying the very foundations of what keeps us safe, comfortable and so damn lucky.

I fear this is a chemical reaction that cannot now be undone and we must head to an inevitable catastrophic destruction from which we must hope there will be enough kind people left to pick up the pieces and start again.

We were here 100 years ago. Far from remembering, we have forgotten all about the



maturity and sacrifice it takes to be and stay free.

We even squabble about the use of red and white poppies in commemoration of the fallen.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, they must be looking down wondering how the hell we could be quite this pathetic and forgetful.