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## Trump Applauds British Monarchy While Hinting at Criticism for Royal Outliers

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During his recent visit to the United Kingdom, former U.S. President Donald Trump delivered strong praise for the British Royal Family while pointedly distancing himself from certain figures often seen as divisive. At a joint press conference held in Scotland with UK officials, Trump commended King Charles III and underscored the monarchy's role in maintaining British tradition, unity, and national pride, an institution he described as “a symbol of continuity and strength for the Western world.” While not naming anyone directly, Trump's reference to “not great people” outside the UK has been widely interpreted by observers as a veiled criticism of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the

Duke and Duchess of Sussex, whose controversial public conduct and repeated critiques of royal life have generated tension on both sides of the Atlantic.

The remarks came as Trump fielded questions about transatlantic relations and shared values between the United States and the United Kingdom. Without directly identifying the Sussexes, Trump said, “There are people who leave great institutions and then complain about them from abroad. I don’t have much time for that kind of behavior.” The former president has previously voiced disapproval over what he characterized as a lack of respect shown by Meghan Markle toward Queen Elizabeth II during her reign. He has also questioned the couple’s decision to publicly criticize the monarchy while residing in California. Trump’s latest comments appear to reinforce that stance, while stopping short of a direct attack.

Although current UK leadership remained tight-lipped during the exchange, the tone of the press conference highlighted a divergence in priorities. Trump’s emphasis on respect for national traditions and the importance of preserving cultural institutions stood in contrast to the broader trend of politicizing royal and historical legacies for media attention. “The Royal Family represents something deeply rooted and noble,” Trump said, “and that deserves to be protected, not undermined.”

The Sussexes’ decision to step back from royal duties in 2020 and their subsequent media ventures, including televised interviews and a docuseries, have drawn criticism from commentators who see their actions as opportunistic. By contrast, Trump’s admiration for King Charles and other working royals aligned with his long-standing preference for leadership grounded in tradition and duty.

Though the Prime Minister chose not to respond publicly to Trump’s statements, the moment did not go unnoticed by political observers and royal correspondents alike. The brief tension served as a reminder of the stark divide in how institutions are viewed, either as burdens to deconstruct or as foundations to defend.

In a global climate where national identity and cultural heritage are frequently questioned, Trump’s visit emphasized a more traditionalist perspective. His comments reinforced a belief that countries thrive when they stand by the values and institutions that have long shaped their character, values that, in his view, are embodied by a monarchy that commands respect rather than controversy.