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1/ This document is a press article extracted from The Guardian, a liberal newspaper. It dates back to Wednesday 16, in July 2003 and it was written by Dawn Oliver. It is untitled "Let's be fair to the monarch - and fair to ourselves". This article deals with the Queen and her influence in politics; when Tony Blair\* was the Prime Minister, her place in the head of the state and the impact of the religion in the government.

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from the Labour party ✓

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2/a) The Queen is in possession of some Prerogative Powers; some are not really important, like signing an act of war to give her approbation; because if the government wants to declare the war, they will do it, no matter the decision of the Queen is. Nevertheless, some Prerogative Powers have a huge impact for the state and also for the vision of the Queen by the political parties and by the citizen because she has to choose the Prime Minister.

b) In this press article, the journalist denounces the fact that the person in charge of the head of the state doesn't dispose the liberty of her own religion and it has

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to change because it dates back to 1701 that it is  
constitutionally impossible for a British monarch to  
marry a Roman Catholic.