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The role of Parliament

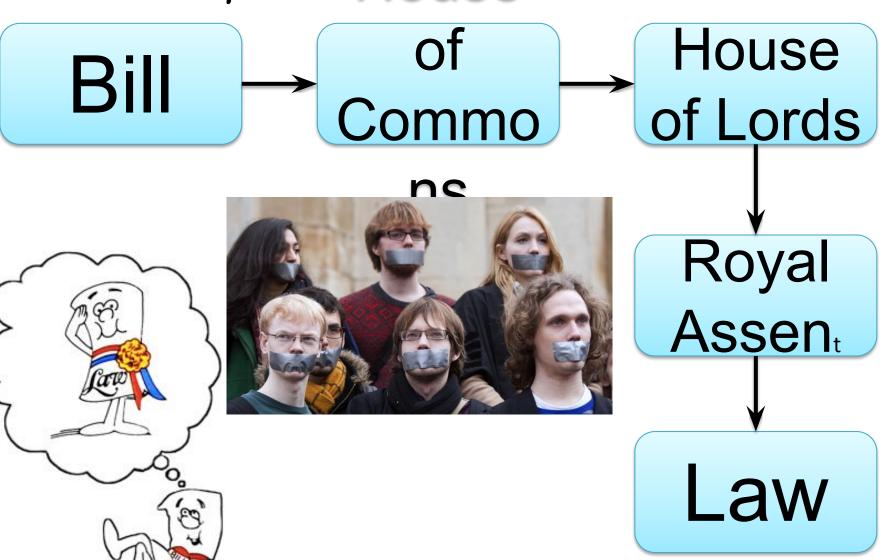
The main functions are:

To pass laws regulating the life of

To scrutinize government policy au



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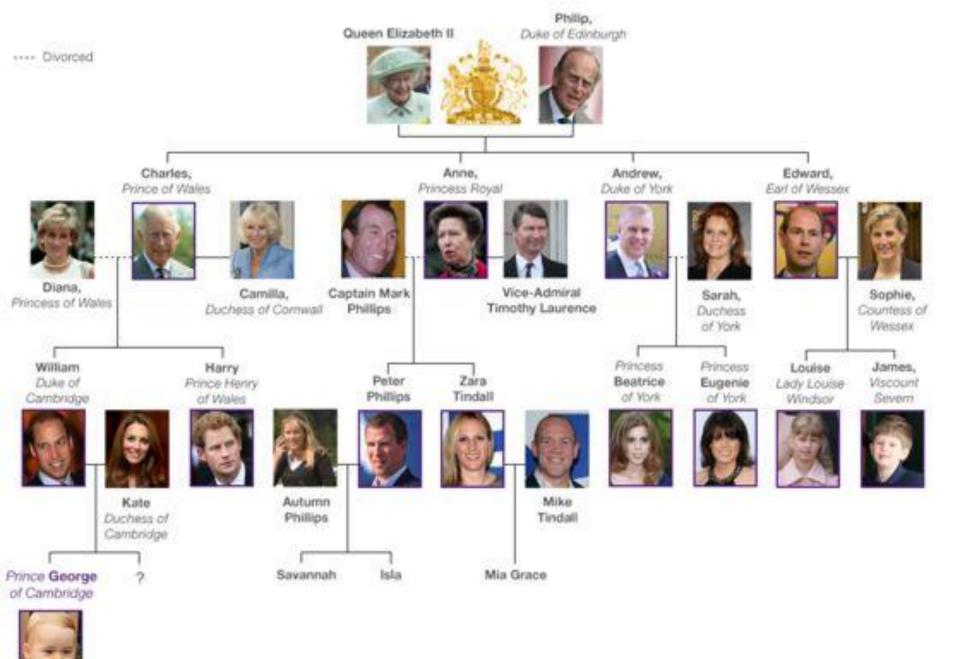
- Elizabeth II (born 1926; crowned on 2nd June 1953)
- "Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of **Great Britain and** Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen,

The Queen's authority: • She performs certain important

- acts of government
- She is the centre of much of the nation's ceremonial
- The leader of society
- She visits many parts of the UK each year to encourage scientific, industrial, artistic and charitable works of national importance
- Paying state visits to foreign countries
- She receives the laws
- She is the Head of the Church of **England**



God save the Queen



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Parliament, co

523 for England 38 for Wales 72 for Scotland 17 for Northern Ireland





 To make laws of the land by passing various Acts, as well as to discuss current political issues.

- The House sits for five days each week.
- The strength of the House of Commons is that it possesses the right to argue

The house of Lords

Consists of over 1,000

- 1. All peers and peeresses who have inherited their titles
 - 2. Certain clergy of the Church of England
- 3. Some judges (called "the Law Lords")





 Pass Bills sent to it from the House of Commons

- Amend Bills and send them back to the Commons for approval
- Delay Bills for a limited time
- Start its own
 Bills, but it must
 send them to the

Parliamentary Debates

Parliament is a place where politicians can speak about public matters, express points of view, argue, try to persuade, support and oppose other members.





British Government

 A body of ministers who are responsible for the



• The leade of the party with a majority, is appointed by the Queen.

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 All other Ministers are appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the Prime Minister



The Cabinet

The most senior Ministers (usually 20) compose the Cabinet, which meets once or twice a week under the chairmanship of





✓The people elect MPs ✓After an election a Government is formed

✓ Prime Minister is appointed by the Queen

✓ The Prime Minister selects his Ministers

✓ The Ministers form the Cabinet

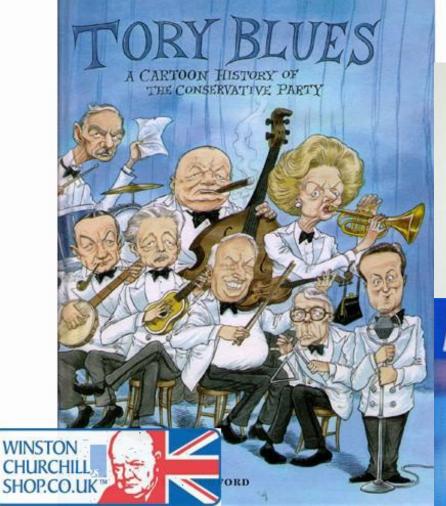
✓ The Cabinet decides Government policies

✓ The Parliament agrees to support or rejects Government policies and laws





The Political Party • Conservative party







The Political Party System

Labour

Labour Party



Don't let him take Britain back to the 1980s.

The Political Party System

· Liberal Democrats





LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



Elections



 Men and women over 18 years have a vote

- Voting is not compulsory
- A candidate is elected if he/she has a majority of votes over the next candidate

British may stand and be elected as MPs if they are aged 21 and >

Even moderate
Labour voters fear
Miliband would be
reckless, spending
much more than
the UK can afford
to.

And that a
Miliband government would be
unlikely to resist
the temptation of
interfering in the
free market,
scaring away

Cameron's coalition has got the economy out of recession and growing again, with an increase in consumption and high employment.

But deficit is high, and real incomes have

