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Starmer turned UK into 'authoritarian hellhole' – George Galloway

The British people are celebrating the prime minister's resignation, the former MP has told RT

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Outgoing British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has turned the UK into an "authoritarian hellhole," with more people being jailed and arrested for social media posts than in any other country in the world, former MP George Galloway has told RT.

Starmer announced on Monday that he would step down as prime minister and Labour Party leader by September, citing a widespread internal revolt against his leadership.

Speaking to RT's Rick Sanchez, Galloway, who was expelled from the Labour Party in 2003 for his vocal opposition to the Iraq War, welcomed the move.

"I danced on his political grave," he said. "He has turned the United Kingdom into an authoritarian



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hellhole.”

Galloway argued that Starmer, who assumed office in July 2024, had made the UK subservient to the interests of Israel, Ukraine and the EU.

The British people were *“rejoicing”* at his departure, Galloway said, suggesting that Starmer’s plunging approval ratings had made him a liability for Labour. Only 18% of Britons viewed him favorably in mid-June, according to YouGov.



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“He’s a creature of the deep state,” Galloway said, referring to Starmer’s work as Director of Public Prosecutions and head of the Crown Prosecution Service prior to his election to Parliament in 2015. He added that Starmer had *“a whole string of deep-state preoccupations,”* citing what he described as *“the injustice to Julian Assange”* and the decision not to prosecute BBC presenter and serial sex offender Jimmy Savile.

“That doesn’t mean the next fellow will be better,” Galloway said.

Andy Burnham, the newly sworn-in MP for Makerfield, is widely seen as the frontrunner to become the next prime minister. *“It’ll be a coronation... this is a democratic outrage,”* Galloway said.

In 2024, Starmer became the UK’s first Labour prime minister since 2010 and the sixth person to hold the office in the span of a decade. He decided to leave office after more than 100 Labour MPs urged him to step down and several key ministers resigned from his government.

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 **Rick OAKS** 6/23/2026 at 1:38 PM 0

The UK isn't in charge of anything! The replacement of Starmer is just a new puppet on the same track!
*Objective: *
To raise ratings for the party while doing the same damn thing!
The results will be the same, and the only change will be more sheep wool over the eyes of the population.

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 **Jim Davies** 6/23/2026 at 12:36 PM 1

For once, I agree with this lifelong socialist: yes, the UK has become an authoritarian hell-hole and yes,,
"That doesn't mean the next fellow will be better," Perhaps has insights have been improved by living recently in Russia.

What he missed is that socialism and authoritarian rule go together like a horse and carriage. It demands that society behave un-naturally, contrary to human nature. It attempts to force round pegs into square holes.

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 **Justin Jones** 6/23/2026 at 12:16 PM 0

A no holds barred debate between George Galloway and Two-Tier Starmer would be great.

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 **Eli Brookstein** 6/23/2026 at 11:45 AM 2

Mr. Galloway states the truth. I anyone openly opposes what Israel has/is doing they get arrested!!
Freedom of Speech is a fundamental Human right!! Telling the TRUTH, is never inciting hatred!!!

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P Pathway Finance 6/23/2026 at 11:32 AM

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George Galloway, are your citizens happy?

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 **lou hori** 6/23/2026 at 10:32 AM

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Don't blame starmer.....he was chosen by the voters.....

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H Hill Lancer 6/23/2026 at 5:32 AM

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Starmer pumped a lot of money to Mr Bean on Crack for nothing, while the UK's naval fleet is left unserviced, unprepared, with no oil for sailing & stays put at docks like lame ducks ... What the fc service he did to the UK? I think he should be arrested & jailed.

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 **DAVY** 6/23/2026 at 10:18 AM ↕

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Along with wanker supreme Tony Blair.

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 **Richard Castle** 6/23/2026 at 8:28 AM

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Until the British political system is made democratic, this country will continue to fail. All because of those lunatic politicians and their stupid vanity projects, which enable them to get their picture in the papers. And so, because of just 700 overpaid, underworked MPs we are finished as a first rate nation.

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P Pat M 6/23/2026 at 9:58 AM ↕

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Like the US, the UK is controlled by the evil, ruthless Epstein-class ruling elites.
Each government is more corrupt and authoritarian than the last, as the UK increasingly lurches neo-fascist in goosestep with the US and EU.
Government for the few, where many depend on food banks to survive.
Fraudulently disguised as «democracy».

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RL RL L 6/23/2026 at 9:14 AM

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Citizens if the UK could simply stop colluding, once and for all, in this 'democratic outrage' and fight for a systemic overhaul of the democratic process and governance. The same ought to happen in all other Western countries with mutated democratic principles. But that's when the gloves will come off for the current ruling class and all forms of democratic pretences stop. BTW, one if the first test of any new bloke in the PM's sear will be foreign policy towards Ukraine!

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 **Pat M** 6/23/2026 at 9:57 AM ↕

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In the UK, we're not citizens.

We're subjects of the monarchy.

In this heat-or-eat UK, the monarchy personifies this totally corrupt, grossly unfair system based on privilege, greed etc., where many families have to depend on food banks to survive.

They own the vast majority of land and wealth in the UK.

All new laws must have royal assent before being passed.

The ability of the monarch to withhold royal assent is just another Establishment fail-safe device to ensure a government for the many i.e. real democracy is impossible.

The energies of the many good people working for a fair and just society should be directed at fighting for a republic.

It's the only realistic option to effect the necessary radical change.

Anything less will always end in bitter disappointment.

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 **Peter Frohwein** 6/23/2026 at 6:27 AM

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The UK went off-the-tracks, when it rejected Christ and God.

The UK is now a house built on sand.

Guess what happens next ?

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:24-27

King James Version

The Holy Bible

The US, Canada and most of the EU are inTHE SAME BOAT !

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