

MEGXIT IN TREND:
A CHALLENGE FOR THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

Meghan Markle brought the royal family into the 21st century, breaking tradition on several occasions, including hugging strangers at official engagements and telling them ‘Call me Meghan’. As Meghan Markle walked alone down the aisle on her wedding day it was clear she was a royal bride like no other.

Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, is an American former actress who married into the British royal family. In 2017, she announced her engagement to Prince Harry, grandson of Queen Elizabeth II, and she moved to London. She retired from acting, closed her related social media accounts, and started undertaking public engagements as part of the British royal family. She became the Duchess of Sussex upon her marriage to Prince Harry in 2018. They have a son, Archie Mountbatten-Windsor. In 2020, the couple announced their intention to step back as senior members of the royal family and split their time between the UK and Canada. From this very moment, it was clear that everything was not perfect within the British Royal Family. Rumors that had been circulating since Markle’s wedding reemerged, and the tabloids appeared eager to prove that her acceptance into the Royal Family had been a terrible mistake.

When the public first discovered that Meghan and Prince Harry were going to get married, Meghan’s popularity was at its peak. She was a favorite of journalists and people. Everyone really liked that a simple girl, not of aristocratic roots, could win the heart of the Prince. But after a few years, it became clear to everyone that Meghan could not fit into both the Royal family and English society. Meghan was constantly written about in the English press, discussing all her actions, mostly in a negative way. Her scandals with members of the Royal family and the rejection of their laws became known to everyone, which did not reflect well on her popularity. For example, we can cite her active intervention in politics, which is not allowed by other family members. Her actions were negatively perceived.

After all the experience, Meghan and Harry decided to leave the Royal family, thereby again stirring up the entire British public. It is impossible to say whether this was the right decision or not, as it certainly did not find a positive response from the British public.

The recent troubles faced by the Royal Family are not all Meghan and Harry’s faults, however. It must be mentioned that the media has not always treated the couple fairly, and at times, has even harassed them. Harry, remembering the treatment of his mother, Diana, wishes to protect Meghan from media attention.

Therefore, the story of Meghan Markle shows just how uncertain and powerful public opinion is. It is a story of how one woman tried to change the family she was adopted into – and at the end of the day, was forced to leave it. It now must be observed how perception of the monarchy will change with Meghan’s departure, and if it will increase as life in Royal Family begins to get back to normal.