

FAITH IN THE WORLD-12

AUTHORITY!

It was on the 25th May 2017, that the American President went to a meeting which was attended by all the European leaders. It was while the leaders were assembling together to have their photograph taken, that the President was seen to physically push past other leaders, so that he could be in the most prominent position.

<https://youtu.be/limjOj4NYME>

No one appeared to rebuke him, but just accepted his actions.

People throughout history have chosen to emphasise their authority and power in numerous ways. Queen Elizabeth the 1st had a portrait of herself painted wearing a dress covered in eyes and ears! When people saw this portrait it reminded them of Elizabeth's significant spy network, that was ever watchful and always listening out for traitors, "so watch out!"



Mahatma Gandhi who led his country towards independence, and inspired many civil rights and freedom movements across the world, said this about authority.....

"Moral authority is never retained by any attempt to hold on to it. It comes without seeking and is retained without effort."

- *Do you think the President was right in doing what he did?*
- *Why do you think people did not challenge him?*
- *What do you think it means to have moral authority?*
- *Can you think of an example where moral authority is exercised in our world today?*
- *Is it ever right to be coerced into respecting someone simply because of the "office" they hold?*

".....have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." Philippians 2



