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Prince Charles calls for an end to the "trend of throw-away clothing"

The Prince of Wales has called on shoppers and manufacturers to help stop the "extraordinary trend of throw-away clothing" during an interview with fashion bible British Vogue. Prince Charles is well-known for sending his clothes to be mended rather than throwing them away. The interview is part of a push by the prince to encourage everyone to think more carefully about what they buy and how their clothes are made, and promote better training within the textile industries. According to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, clothing production has approximately doubled in the last 15 years, partly due to the rise of fast fashion, where companies mass produce high street versions of catwalk trends at a low cost. The textiles industry uses 98 million tonnes of non-renewable resources a year, having an huge impact on the environment.

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Second-hand no longer second-best for UK's 'circular economy' consumers

20 "Second-hand comes with many benefits: economically, sustainability, and also
mums supporting one another," she says. The "circular economy" – the idea that
products such as clothes and furniture, or materials such as paper and plastic, are
constantly reused and regenerated to reduce pollution- is a concept that has
gathered momentum during lockdown. Earlier this month the government announced
25 an investment of £22.5m in five research centres to reduce waste and boost
recycling. The trend is extending to everyday brands. Next year, Ikea is expected to
launch a "buy-back" initiative in UK and Ireland stores, where it will buy unwanted
furniture from customers to resell as second-hand. Customers will get vouchers to
spend in store, the value dependent on the condition of the items they return. Clothes
30 retailer Cos recently launched its resell scheme, while in the US, jeans brand Levi's
has a second-hand service under which used pairs can be sold back. The idea of the
"circular economy" has been developing for years but has accelerated recently with
the increased focus on sustainability. Millennials are willing to pay more for
sustainable products, and for retailers this opens up an interesting and potentially
35 very profitable revenue stream.

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