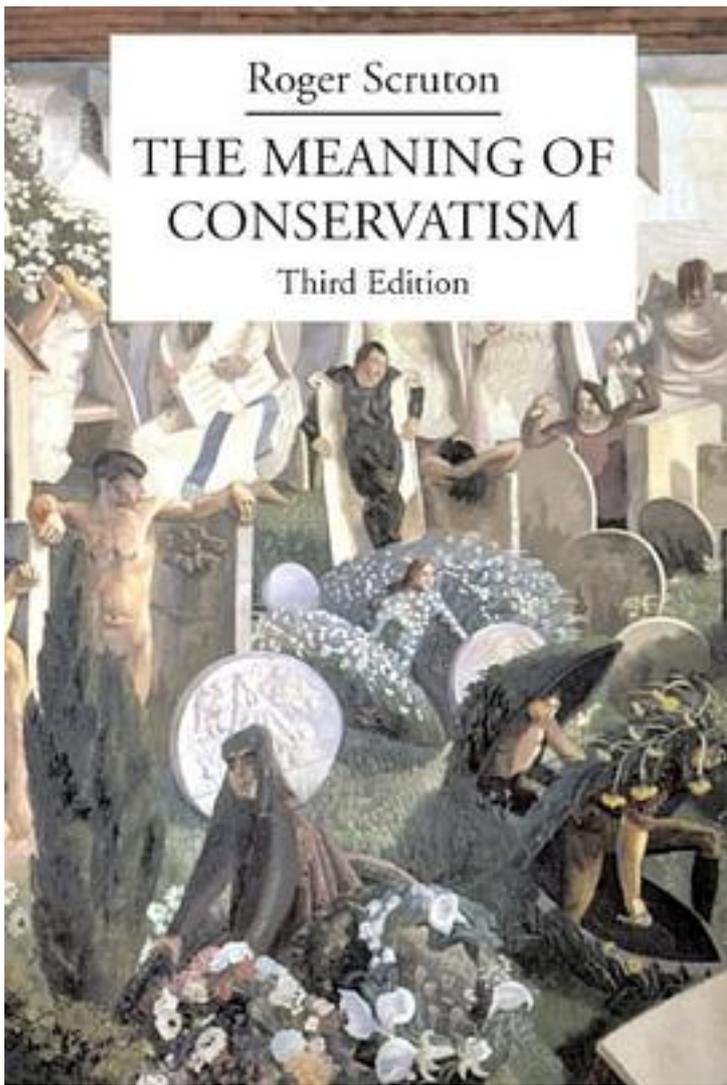


# The Meaning of Conservatism



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First published in 1980, *The Meaning of Conservatism* is now recognized as a major contribution to political thought, and the liveliest and most provocative modern statement of the traditional “paleo-conservative” position. Roger Scruton challenges those who would regard themselves as conservatives, and also their opponents. Conservatism, he argues, has little in common with liberalism, and is only tenuously related to the market economy, to monetarism, to free enterprise, or to capitalism. It involves neither hostility toward the state, nor the desire to limit the state’s obligation toward the citizen. Its conceptions of society, law, and citizenship regard the individual not as the premise but as the conclusion of politics. At the same time it is fundamentally opposed to the ethic of social justice, to equality of station, opportunity, income, and achievement, and to the attempt to bring major institutions of society – such as schools and universities – under government control.

Its root conceptions are those of loyalty, allegiance, community, and tradition. The conservative vision of society is one in which autonomous institutions and private initiative predominate, and in which the law protects the shared values that bind the community together, rather than the rights of those who would blow the community apart.</P>

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是当代的一位最具代表性、也是最具争议的保守主义理论家。1975年，斯克拉顿加入保守主义哲学小组，1976年又成为索尔兹伯里小组(Salisbury Group)的重要成员。1982年，斯克拉顿开始主编《索尔兹伯里评论》(Salisbury Review)，该刊很快就成为英国乃至西欧最有影响的保守主义刊物。斯克拉顿全面阐述了保守主义的基本原则，强调传统的作用，主张加强法治，维护社会秩序，强化国家的权威。

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## 评论

英文版断断续续读了挺久也没有真正读完，老人家突然走了实在非常遗憾。

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I came to 'know' Scruton for three years and none of his writings so far has let me down. A complicated composure with a really sincere mind

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## 书评

第一条原则构成了自由主义思想的前提：刑法唯一应当关注的是保护公民免受伤害。第二条原则是方法论上的，即一切法律和道德问题都有讨论的余地，验证的责任与其说落在废除某种箴规的人身上，不如说是由保留了它的人来承担。自由主义者对每一种制度都要问一个“为什么”，却永远...

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斯克拉顿《保守主义的含义》这本书写于撒切尔执政的前一年，也就是工党长期执政的最后一年。之后在撒切尔执政的第一年出版。通观这本书，作者是以英国保守党员的身份来写的。当时的情况是，随着英国整体的政治情况发生变化，英国保守党的情况也发生了变化。在十九世纪，英国...

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保守主义批判霍布斯、卢梭自然状态的个人主义精彩说理，保守主义的这种思想实际上是整体论思想在政治哲学中的运用。即把整体（社会有机体）摆到第一位。从逻辑上来看，“整体在先”包含两层意思：第一，在定义上部分往往要借助于整体来进行说明。比如“弧是圆的部分”、“手是...

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首先，我并没有感觉斯克拉顿将保守主义的含义讲清楚了。但有说明其来源，当下以及面对的挑战。  
关于权力建构的话语权，我觉得一开始就掌握在手拥资本的那一群人，知识分子不过为他们做了嫁衣，何况知识分子已经不复存在。再者，关于书中“国家的本质在于权利，权威则是它的形...

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