

# Liberalism with Honor



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Why do men and women sometimes risk everything to defend their liberties? What motivates principled opposition to the abuse of power? In *Liberalism with Honor*, Sharon Krause explores honor as a motive for risky and difficult forms of political action. She shows the sense of honor to be an important source of such action and a spring of individual agency more generally. Krause traces the genealogy of honor, including its ties to conscientious objection and civil disobedience, beginning in old-regime France and culminating in the American civil rights movement. She examines the dangers intrinsic to honor and the tensions between honor and modern democracy, but demonstrates that the sense of honor has supported political agency in the United States from the founders to democratic reformers such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Martin Luther King, Jr. Honor continues to hold interest and importance today because it combines self-concern and personal ambition with principled higher purposes, and so challenges the disabling dichotomy between self-interest and self-sacrifice that currently pervades both political theory and American public life.

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认为honor和democracy不兼容，捍卫自由要凭借exceptional individuals,还是没有认识到bourgeois society被amour propre所驱动的本质，最后不免堕入自恋式的怀旧。更懂得身为贵族的托克维尔决定扬弃aristocracy时候的高贵了。  
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