Honorâ€¦Outmoded Concept, or Confined to the Fringes of Society?

Description

Ralph Peters has an editorial in the New York Post today, titled â€œSECRETS FOR SALE â€“ CHEAP AND BY BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES.â€•

In the piece, he wonders if there is such a thing as honor:

> After more than two decades in the intelligence world, I know a few secrets. Some would merit brief, trumped-up headlines. But keeping those secrets is a matter of honor.
> [â€¦]
> What happened to honor? Among our elected and appointed officials? A sense of honor still prevails within our military and among hundreds of thousands of government employees. Honor still prevails in much of our community life. Many Americans beyond the Beltway maintain a strong sense of personal and professional honor.
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> But honorâ€™s dead in Washington. And at â€œleadingâ€• universities (where patriotism, too, is beneath contempt). And in the media. Honor isnâ€™t hip. Itâ€™s as pathetic as a powder-blue, polyester leisure suit.

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He makes an interesting point: Itâ€™s politics, politics, and oh, yeah, politics. (Side note: and the ACLU wants to wipe the display or teaching of the Ten Commandments off the face of the planetâ€¦Why?)

A few months back, I was given a speech by William Bennett named â€œDoes Honor Have a Future?â€• He gave it to the Naval Academy Mmidshipmen in Nov, 1997.

I think itâ€™s worth your time to read those fine words, and consider where society and the practice of â€œhonorâ€• are headed.

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