

My newspaper was full
of really bad news this
weekend...

about how some people
are treating others,
both here and around
the nation.

This is not new.
We know the pattern
well.

We know how
men treat women
whites treat non-whites,
straights treat LGBTQs,
& abled treat disabled,
sometimes.

...And when I say “treat,”
I mean
how we think about *them*,
how we talk about *them*, and
how we act towards *them*
in DEMEANING & MEAN
ways.

We all know about the
Aggie Honor Code,
...it's a sacred thing
around here.

But, it is time
we remember
that HONOR is more
than what it is NOT.

Honor is much MORE than...

NOT lying

NOT cheating

NOT stealing

and

NOT tolerating

those who do.

Honor is about
WHO we ARE,

...and WHO we ARE
is determined by
what we THINK,
SAY,
and DO.

Whenever our
thoughts, words, or
actions
DENIGRATE others,

...we LIE to them and
to others about how
WORTHY & INVALUABLE
they truly are,

...we CHEAT by unfairly
elevating ourselves
ABOVE them in the eyes
of friends, colleagues, or
strangers,

...and we STEAL the
RESPECT and HOPE that
is truly their's,
taking it for ourselves
instead.

Aggie HONOR
means RESPECTING
others in
thought, word, and deed,

...and helping them
become all they can be,
just as others have done
for us,

...and NEVER tolerating
those who do
otherwise,

...no matter WHO they
may be:
politician,
Old Ag,
or best friend.

We should EACH do an
HONOR checkup:

...Who do I treat as less
worthy than myself?

...When do I remain
quiet when I need to
speak out?

HONOR is
as HONOR does

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...Let's talk about this

...Let's act upon this

Fearlessly!

With all respect,

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