

That's Not Honor

Why is the word “honor” now tied to people (and their behaviors) that it doesn't fit?

Why is being a cop or a military pawn now conflated with “honor” when the concept so obviously doesn't apply?

Neither “job” is any indication of

honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions: a source of credit or distinction: high respect, as for worth, merit, or rank: such respect manifested: high public esteem; fame; glory (source)

good name or public esteem: reputation: a showing of usually merited respect: recognition: : privilege: a person of superior standing: one whose worth brings respect or fame (source).

So why use the word “honor” when referring to those people who embody the opposite qualities?

Real honor is a virtue. But you can't be an honorable archator.