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Love of honor

1. *Meaning and location in Kant's works*

The love of honor is our claim to be respected by all as moral beings. Kant also calls this "pride proper" and distinguishes it from **arrogance**, which is a **vice**, an attitude toward others, that we not only retain a high moral opinion of ourselves, but demand that others think less of themselves in comparison with us.

Wichtige Stellen: . 6:27, 6:420, 6:465, 8:257

2. *Related keywords in Kant's work*

Spott, Habsucht, Heuchelei, Kriecherei, Arroganz

3. *Philosophical function in Kant's philosophy*

Love of honor is manifested in being morally respectable, and thus to violate this **virtue** is to act in a scandalous way. The vices of **mendacity**, **avarice** and **servility** are opposed by the virtue of the love of honor. 6:420 It is, Kant thinks, "the constant companion of virtue," so it requires a high degree of determination to do one's duty if the ridicule of others involves sneering at one's claim to honor. 8:257 Interestingly, Kant believed that the love of honor is an element in the **predisposition** to good. Our natural **self-love** generates an "inclination to *gain worth in the opinion of others*, originally, of course, merely *equal worth*". 6:27

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