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BYU's Honor Code

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Joanna Brooks, at Religion Dispatches, looks at the "dark side" of the Brigham Young University honor code.

I understand the value of honor codes, especially at a place like West Point which is doing more than providing an undergraduate education, it is training men and women to defend each other under extreme circumstances. But, a university should also be a place where students are allowed to make mistakes and learn from those mistakes. Honor codes can have a chilling effect that warrants examination and Brooks is right to examine it.

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