



Ch. 8: A New Balancing Effort

Prioritize “Old Wisdom”	De-prioritize “Autonomy-Centered Ideas”
responsibilities and duties	rights
long-term objectives	short-term objectives
the body and its necessities	autonomy
the goods associated with human dependence such as love	glorification of independence
the virtues associated with sexual difference	gender neutrality
celebrate what women contribute as mothers	elimination of sexed roles, acknowledge only generic role of “parents”
celebrate what men contribute as fathers	
education for interdependence	education oriented to autonomy
education that recognizes human limits	education for self-realization, limited only by individual will and ability to overcome society repression
marital duties, commitment	freedom to leave relationships at will
parental rights	state is responsible for forming children
governmental and cultural integration of “new balancing” into public philosophy	state favoritism of individual autonomy (so-called state “neutrality”)
“Nature provides the building blocks, and political society participates in the building.”	create a “new human”; individuals build only themselves, others must affirm what autonomous individuals want
“translate natural passions into civilized, marital, and familial duties”	liberate passions
encourage and honor commitment	stigmatize commitment