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## **VIDEO: Acceptance Speech for ISI Book Award**

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On March 30, 2019, I accepted the Intercollegiate Studies Institute's Conservative Book of the Year Award at a ceremony in Chicago. The ceremony was especially meaningful because it took place almost exactly 35 years after I set out for New York, together with a young woman who would later be my wife, to request funds to found Princeton's conservative magazine, *The Princeton Tory*. It was our freshman year in college, and the two of us were going to meet with Irving Kristol's Institute for Educational Affairs. They agreed to back the *Tory*, which was launched in Fall 1984. ISI is the successor organization of this same Institute, and 35 years later it is still funding the *Princeton Tory*, as well as administering this book prize. My wife Yael flew with me to Chicago and we received the prize together.

My acceptance speech is not just about *The Virtue of Nationalism*. It mostly about the condition of the conservative movement and the challenge of re-establishing a national conservatism.

