

**Constantino Brumidi, 1865,  
“War” vignette from the  
Apotheosis of Washington**

- Surrounded by other Olympian deities — Neptune (Marine), Hermes (Commerce), Minerva (Science), Ceres (Agriculture), Vulcan (Mechanics) — Liberty seems wholly out of place.
- Conventional classical mythological iconography would likely have Mars in this place, or Minerva busily warring down the proud. Cf. Rubens’ Minerva protecting Pax from Mars (1629: OGCMA0203AresAthena\_Rubens)
- Liberty, an iconographic creation of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, plays a major role in the message of the Capitol.

