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adj.

1. Extremely evil or cruel; monstrous: *an atrocious crime.*
2. Exceptionally bad; abominable: *atrocious decor; atrocious behavior.*

[From Latin *atrōx*, *atrōc*-, frightful, cruel; see **āter**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

a·tro cious·ly *adv.*

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