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n. pl. bourgeois

1. A person belonging to the middle class.
2. A person whose attitudes and behavior are marked by conformity to the standards and conventions of the middle class.
3. In Marxist theory, a member of the property-owning class; a capitalist.

adj.

Of, relating to, or typical of the middle class, especially in holding conventional attitudes and materialistic values.

[French, from Old French *burgeis*, citizen of a town, from *bourg*, bourg; see [BOURG](#).]

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