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n.

A Dutch colonist or descendant of a Dutch colonist in South Africa.

[Afrikaans, from Dutch *boer*, farmer, peasant, of Low German or dialectal (northeast Netherlands) Dutch origin; akin to standard Dutch *buur*, neighbor, from Middle Dutch *buur*, inhabitant, resident, variant of *gebuur*; see **bheuə-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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