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adj.

Impossible to refute or controvert; indisputable: *irrefragable evidence*.

[Late Latin *irrefrāgābilis* : Latin *in-*, not; see [IN](#)¹ + Latin *refrāgārī*, to oppose, resist; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ir·ref·ra·ga·bil i·ty *n.*

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