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1. To involve in argument, contention, or hostile actions: "*Avoid ... any step that may embroil us with Great Britain*" (Alexander Hamilton).
2. To throw into confusion or disorder; entangle.

[French *embrouiller* : *en-*, intensive pref.; see [EN-](#)¹ + *brouiller*, to confuse (from Old French; see [BROIL](#)²).]

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