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 2. A rule or principle of law, especially when established by precedent.
 3. A statement of official government policy, especially in foreign affairs and military strategy.
 4. *Archaic* Something taught; a teaching.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *doctrīna*, from *doctor*, teacher; see [DOCTOR](#).]

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