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adj.

1. Not changing in response to argument or other influence; obstinate or intractable: *"Everyone in the region has been obdurate in water negotiations with everyone else" (Marq de Villiers).*

2.

a. Hardened in wrongdoing or wickedness; stubbornly impenitent: *"obdurate conscience of the old sinner" (Sir Walter Scott).*

b. Hardened against feeling; hardhearted: *an obdurate miser.*

[Middle English *obdurat*, from Late Latin *obdūrātus*, past participle of *obdūrāre*, to harden, from Latin, to be hard, endure : *ob-*, intensive pref.; see [OB-](#) + *dūrus*, hard; see [deru-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

ob du·rate·ly *adv.*

ob du·ra·cy (-d r-ə-sē, -dy r-), **ob du·rate·ness** *n.*

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