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1.

a. The act of seducing.

b. The condition of being seduced.

2. Something that seduces or has the qualities to seduce; an enticement.

[Latin *sēductiō*, *sēductiōn-*, from *sēductus*, past participle of *sēdūcere*, to lead astray : *sē-*, apart; see **s(w)e-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dūcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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