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tra·duce  (trə-d s , -dy s)

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tr.v. **tra·duced**, **tra·duc·ing**, **tra·duc·es**

1. To make false or malicious statements about (someone) in order to cause humiliation or disgrace. See Synonyms at [malign](#).
2. To fail to uphold; disregard or violate: *"The appearance of things is ... that we have traduced our policy and violated our principles" (Patrick J. Buchanan).*

[Latin *trādūcere*, to lead as a spectacle, dishonor : *trā-*, *trāns-*, *trans-* + *dūcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

tra·duce **ment** *n.*

tra·duc **er** *n.*

tra·duc **ing·ly** *adv.*

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