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n.

A rule or code that prohibits speaking or divulging information about certain activities, especially the activities of a criminal organization.

[Italian *omertà*, probably from alteration (influenced by Sicilian *omu*, *man*) of Spanish *hombredad*, manliness, from Spanish *hombre*, man; see [OMBRE](#).]

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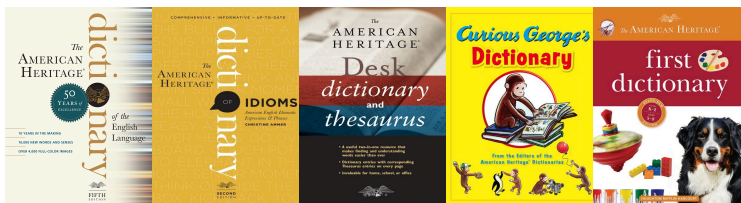
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