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n.

1. The betrayal of allegiance toward one's own country, especially by committing hostile acts against it or aiding its enemies in committing such acts.
2. The betrayal of someone's trust or confidence.

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *treson*, from Latin *trāditiō*, *trāditiōn-*, a handing over; see [TRADITION](#).]

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