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du·bi·ous  (dubē-əs, dy-)

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adj.

1. Fraught with uncertainty or doubt; undecided.
2. Arousing doubt; doubtful: *a dubious distinction.*
3. Of questionable character: *dubious profits.*

[From Latin *dubius*; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

du bi·ous·ly *adv.*

du bi·ous·ness *n.*

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