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adj.

Containing or derived from error; mistaken: *erroneous conclusions*.

[Middle English, from Latin *errōneus*, from *errō*, *errōn-*, a vagabond, from *errāre*, to err, wander; see **ers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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