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n.

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[Russian *glasnost'*, publicity, openness, from obsolete *glas*, voice, from Old Church Slavonic *glasŭ*; see **gal-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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