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n.

The systematic and widespread extermination or attempted extermination of a national, racial, religious, or ethnic group.

[Greek *genos*, race; see **gena-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + **-CIDE**.]

gen'o·cid al (-sīd l) *adj.*

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