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seg·re·gate  (sĕg rĭ-gāt')

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v. seg·re·gat·ed, seg·re·gat·ing, seg·re·gates

v.tr.

1. To separate or isolate from others or from a main body or group. See Synonyms at [isolate](#).

2. To cause (people or institutions, for example) to be separated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or another factor.

v.intr.

1. To become separated or distinguished: *animals that segregate into male and female herds when not in mating season.*

2. To practice a policy of racial segregation.

3. *Genetics* To undergo genetic segregation.

adj. (-gĭt, -gāt')

Separated; isolated.

n. (-gĭt, -gāt')

1. One that is or has been segregated.

2. *Genetics* See [segregant](#).

[Latin *sĕgregāre*, *sĕgregāt-* : *sĕ-*, apart; see **s(w)e-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *greg*, *greg-*, flock; see **ger-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

seg re·ga'tive *adj.*

seg re·ga'tor *n.*

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