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n.

Loss or impairment of the ability to make decisions or act independently.

[New Latin, from Greek *abouliā*, indecision : *a-*, without; see [A-¹](#) + *boulē*, will; see [g^wela-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

a·bu lic (-lĭk) *adj.*

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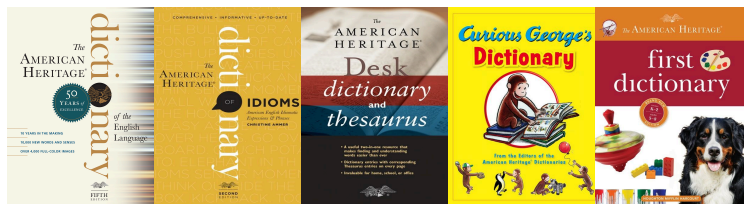
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