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n.
Fear of newness or change.

[Greek *kainotēs*, newness (from *kainos*, new; see **ken-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots) + [-PHOBIA](#).]

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