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n.

1. A condition of noisy excitement and confusion; a tumult: *"The uproar of the street sounded violently and hideously cacophonous"* ([Virginia Woolf](#)). See Synonyms at [noise](#).
2. An impassioned protest or heated controversy: *The publication of the book caused an uproar.*

[Probably by folk etymology from Middle Low German *uprōr* : *up-*, up (from *up*); see **upo** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *rōr*, motion; see **kera-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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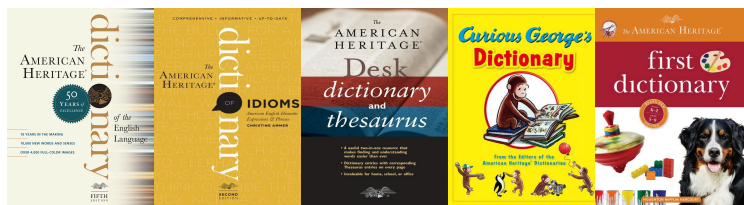
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