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ap·a·thy  (ăp ə-thē)

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n.

1. Lack of interest or concern, especially regarding matters of general importance or appeal; indifference.
2. Lack of emotion or feeling; impassiveness.

[Latin *apathīa*, from Greek *apatheia*, from *apathēs*, without feeling : *a-*, without; see [A](#)¹ + *pathos*, feeling; see [k^went\(h\)-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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