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n.

1. Loyalty or the obligation of loyalty, as to a nation, sovereign, or cause. See Synonyms at [fidelity](#).
2. The obligations of a vassal to a lord.

[Middle English *alligeaunce*, alteration of *ligeaunce*, from Old French *ligeance*, from *lige*, liege; see [LIEGE](#).]

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