espouse Apresyan (En-Ru) [I'spavz] V 1. 1) жениться 2) редк. выходить замуж 2. уст. выдавать замуж 3. книжн. поддерживать (идею и т. п.); отдаваться (делу и т. п.) to espouse the cause of peace - отстаивать дело мира, бороться за мир to espouse a party - поддерживать (какую-л.) партию to espouse a quarrel - принять сторону в споре espouse Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. es pouse [espouse espouses espoused espousing] BrE [I'spauz] NAmE [I'spauz] verb ~ sth (formal) to give your support to a belief, policy, etc • They espoused the notion of equal opportunity for all in education. Derived Word †espousal Verb forms: verb forms present simple I / you / we /they BrE /1'spaez/ NAmE /1'spassz/ he / she /it espouses BrE /1'spaciziz/ NAmE /1 spacziz/ past simple, past participle espoused BrE /1'spaczd/ NAmE /1'spaczd/ ing form espousing BrE /1'spaczin/ NAmE /1 spasszin/ Word Origin: late Middle English (in the sense 'take as a spouse'): from Old French espouser, from Latin sponsare, from sponsus 'betrothed', past participle of spondere. Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En) espouse es pouse /ɪ'spaʊz/ BrE AmE \* verb [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: espouser, from Latin sponsus; ⇒ ↑spouse]

formal to support an idea, belief etc, especially a political one

espouse a cause/policy etc

He espoused a variety of scientific, social and political causes.

—espousal noun [singular, uncountable]:

her espousal of liberal reforms

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