

hysteria[hɪˈstɪ(ə)rɪə] *n*

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hysteria**hys-teria** [hysteria hysterias] *BrE* [hɪˈstɪəriə] ^ˈ *NAmE* [hɪˈstriə] ^ˈ **noun****uncountable**

1. a state of extreme excitement, fear or anger in which a person, or a group of people, loses control of their emotions and starts to cry, laugh, etc
 - There was **mass hysteria** when the band came on stage.
 - A note of hysteria crept into her voice.
2. (**disapproving**) an extremely excited and exaggerated way of behaving or reacting to an event
 - the usual media hysteria that surrounds royal visits
 - public hysteria about AIDS
3. (**medical**) a condition in which sb experiences violent or extreme emotions that they cannot control, especially as a result of shock

Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: from Latin **hystericus** from Greek **husterikos** 'of the womb', from **hustera** 'womb' (hysteria was thought to be specific to women and associated with the womb).

Example Bank:

- Sam arrived in a state of excitement bordering on hysteria.
- She felt hysteria rising.
- She smashed the place up in a fit of hysteria.
- She sometimes flew into fits of hysteria.
- She was babbling, on the verge of hysteria.
- Some parts of the media are creating hysteria and exaggerating an important issue.
- That thought was enough to bring on near hysteria.
- There is still so much hysteria surrounding the issue.
- There was a note of hysteria in his voice.
- Unnecessary anxiety has been caused by media hysteria and misinformation.
- hysteria over AIDS
- public hysteria about the bombings
- the hysteria that swept through the country
- the hysteria whipped up by some newspapers
- the touch of hysteria in her voice
- Fear infected people with mass hysteria.

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hys-te-ri-a /hɪˈstɪəriə \$ -ˈstɪəriə/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** [uncountable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: hysteric 'hysterical' (17-20 centuries), from Latin hystericus, from Greek hustera (⇒ ↑hysterectomy); because it was believed hysteria was caused by the uterus]

1. extreme excitement that makes people cry, laugh, shout etc in a way that is out of control:
 - In a fit of hysteria, Silvia blamed me for causing her father's death.
2. a situation in which a lot of people feel fear, anger, or excitement, which makes them behave in an unreasonable way:
 - Since the general's death, the population has been gripped by mass hysteria.
3. **medical** a medical condition that upsets someone's emotions and makes them suddenly feel very nervous, excited, anxious etc

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