

draconian**dra·co·nian** *BrE* [drə'kəʊniən] ^ˈ *NAmE* [drə'kɔʊniən] ^ˈ **adjective** (formal)

(of a law, punishment, etc.) extremely cruel and severe

- a call for draconian measures against drug-related crime

Word Origin:[**draconian**] late 19th cent.: from the name of Draco (7th century BC), an Athenian legislator known for his severity + ^ˈ-ian.Example Bank:

- The newspaper struggled to continue under the regime's draconian censorship laws.
- There have been calls for draconian measures against drug-related crime.
- Trade unions regarded to draft legislation as draconian.

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very strict and cruel

draconian measures/controls/penalties etc

- draconian measures to control population growth

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