

**monolith**[ˈmɒnəlɪθ] *n*  
МОНОЛИТ

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**monolith****mono-lith** [monolith monoliths] *BrE* [ˈmɒnəlɪθ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈmɑːnəlɪθ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

1. a large single vertical block of stone, especially one that was shaped into a column by people living in ancient times, and that may have had some religious meaning
2. (often disapproving) a single, very large organization, etc. that is very slow to change and not interested in individual people

Derived Word ↑monolithic

Word Origin:mid 19th cent.: from French *monolithe*, from Greek *monolithos*, from *monos* 'single' + *lithos* 'stone'.**monolith**

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**mon-ɒ-lɪθ** /ˈmɒnəlɪθ \$ 'mɑː- *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable][Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: *monolithe*, from Latin, from Greek, from *mono-* ( ⇨ ↑*mono-*) + *lithos* 'stone']

1. a large powerful organization that cannot change quickly and does not consider the ideas or feelings of the people it affects:  
It is misleading to see the legal system as a monolith.
2. a large tall block of stone, especially one that was put in place in ancient times, possibly for religious reasons

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