touchy [′t∧t∫ı] a

1. обидчивый; раздражительный

to be touchy - быть обидчивым

she was most touchy upon the subject of age - она болезненно воспринимала разговоры о возрасте

2. 1) повышенно чувствительный

public opinion is very touchy with regard to international events - общественное мнение очень чутко реагирует на международные события

2) щекотливый, деликатный

touchy subject - щекотливая тема

3) больной, наболевший

this has become a touchy issue - это стало наболевшим вопросом

3. рискованный, опасный

touchy point [situation] - рискованное /опасное/ дело [положение]

this rendering of the tragedy was sufficiently touchy - эта трактовка /интерпретация трагедии была достаточно острой /рискованной/

4. легковоспламеняющийся

5. сделанный мелкими штрихами

a touchy pencil drawing - штрихованный карандашный набросок

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touchy [touchy touchier touchiest] BrE ['tʌtʃi] NAmE ['tʌtʃi] adjective (touch-ier, touchi-est)

1. not usually before noun ~ (about sth) (of a person) easily upset or offended

Syn: [†]sensitive

- He's a little touchy about his weight.
- · She gets very touchy if you mention the divorce.
- 2. usually before noun (of a subject) that may upset or offend people and should therefore be dealt with carefully

Syn: [†]delicate, Syn: [†]sensitive

· I can't understand why her resignation is still such a touchy subject. Derived Word **†touchiness**

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: perhaps an alteration of [†]tetchy, influenced by [†]touch.

Example Bank:

- · He seems very touchy today.
- I felt somewhat touchy about my role in last night's disaster.
- I'm a bit touchy on that topic right now.
- She became touchy and irritable.
- That's a very touchy subject with him right now.
- He's a little touchy about his weight.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

touch y /'tʌtʃi/ BrE [Word Family: adjective: [†]touched, [†]untouched, [†]touching, [†]touchy, [†]untouchable; noun: [†]touch, [†]untouchable; verb [†]touch; adverb *touchingly*

1. easily becoming offended or annoyed SYN sensitive

touchy about

She is very touchy about her past.

2. touchy subject/question etc a subject etc that needs to be dealt with very carefully, especially because it may offend people SYN sensitive:

Asking about a reporter's sources can be a touchy business.

adjective

—touchiness noun [uncountable]

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