compulsion Apresyan (En-Ru)

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1. принуждение

to act under /upon/ compulsion - действовать по принуждению

2. психол. непреодолимое влечение; мания

compulsion neurosis - мед. навязчивое состояние, навязчивый невроз

to act under compulsion - быть не в состоянии бороться с собой

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

com·pul·sion [compulsion compulsions] BrE [kəmˈpʌlʃn] ™ NAmE [kəmˈpʌlʃn]

noun

- 1. uncountable, countable (formal) strong pressure that makes sb do sth that they do not want to do
 - ~ (to do sth) You are under no compulsion to pay immediately.
 - ~ (on sb) to do sth There are no compulsions on students to attend classes.
 - The legal system is based on compulsion.
- 2. countable ~ (to do sth) a strong desire to do sth, especially sth that is wrong, silly or dangerous

Syn: †urge

- · He felt a great compulsion to tell her everything.
- Obsessions and compulsions often develop in people who live stressful lives.

see also †compel

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from late Latin compulsio(n-), from compellere 'to drive, force', from com- 'together' + pellere 'drive'.

Example Bank:

- There is an element of compulsion in the new plan for the unemployed.
- · There is no compulsion to say anything.
- You are under no compulsion to disclose this information.
- · You're under no compulsion to take part.
- · Although there was no legal compulsion, the moral obligation to pay was strong.
- He felt a great compulsion to drive too fast.
- The use of compulsion in psychiatric care is a controversial issue.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Late Latin compulsio, from Latin compellere; ⇒ ↑compel]

1. [countable] a strong and unreasonable desire to do something ⇒ compel:

The desire to laugh became a compulsion.

compulsion to do something

- Leith felt an overwhelming compulsion to tell him the truth.
- the compulsion to smoke or eat too much
- 2. [singular, uncountable] the act of forcing or influencing someone to do something they do not want to do ⇒ compel under (no) compulsion to do something
 - Owners are under no compulsion to sell their land.
 - The use of compulsion in psychiatric care cannot be justified.

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