

vigilante[ˌvɪdʒɪˈlæntɪ] *n* *амер.*виджиланте, член «комитета бдительности» [*см.* vigilance]**vigilante**

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vigi-lante [**vigilante vigilantes**] *BrE* [ˌvɪdʒɪˈlæntɪ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˌvɪdʒɪˈlæntɪ] ^ˈ *noun*

(sometimes disapproving)

a member of a group of people who try to prevent crime or punish criminals in their community, especially because they think the police are not doing this

- vigilantes patrolling the streets
- vigilante groups

Derived Word ↑vigilantismWord Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from Spanish, literally vigilant.

Example Bank:

- The neighbours have formed a vigilante group to keep a watch on the car park.
- Two vigilantes who took the law into their own hands were cleared yesterday of murder.

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vigi-lan-te /ˌvɪdʒəˈlæntɪ, ˌvɪdʒɪˈlæntɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable][**Date:** 1800-1900; **Language:** Spanish; **Origin:** 'person who keeps watch, guard', from Latin vigilans; ⇒ ↑vigilant]

someone who illegally punishes criminals and tries to prevent crime, usually because they think the police are not doing this effectively

—vigilantism *noun* [uncountable]**vigilante**

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