

**stronghold**['strɒŋhəʊld] *n*

- крепость, твердыня, цитадель  
that city was a stronghold of Protestantism - этот город был оплотом протестантизма
- воен.** опорный пункт; узел сопротивления

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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*noun*

- an area in which there is a lot of support for a particular belief or group of people, especially a political party
  - a Republican stronghold/a stronghold of Republicanism
  - The Labour Party retained its traditional stronghold in the north.
  - The college is a stronghold of the child-centred approach to teaching.
- a castle or a place that is strongly built and difficult to attack
  - The castle was an important royal stronghold for hundreds of years.
  - Troops surrounded the mountain stronghold of the guerrillas.
- an area where there are a large number of a particular type of animal
  - This valley is one of the last strongholds of the Siberian tiger.

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- an area where there is a lot of support for a particular way of life, political party etc:  
The area is a Republican stronghold.
- an area that is strongly defended by a military group:  
The fighters moved south to their mountain stronghold.
- an area where there are large numbers of a rare animal:  
one of the last strongholds of the European wolf

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