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indifference

[ın'dıf(ə)rəns]*n*

1. безразличие, равнодушие, отсутствие интереса, индифферентность

to show /to display/ indifference to /towards/ smb., smth. - проявлять равнодушие /безразличие/ к кому-л., чему-л. it is a matter of perfect indifference to me - этот вопрос меня совершенно не интересует

he treated my request with indifference - он отнёсся к моей просьбе равнодушно

2. незначительность маловажность

a matter of indifference - незначительное/несерьёзное/ дело, пустяк

3. посредственность

indifference of workmanship - низкий уровень квалификации

4. арх. отсутствие различия между двумя или несколькими предметами

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in·dif·fer·ence *BrE* [In'dIfrəns] *NAmE* [In'dIfrəns] noun uncountable, singular ~ (to sb/sth)

a lack of interest, feeling or reaction towards sb/sth

• his total indifference to what people thought of him

- What she said is a matter of complete indifference to me.
- Their father treated them with indifference
- an indifference to the needs of others

Word Origin:

[indifference] late Middle English (in the sense 'being neither good nor bad'): from Latin indifferentia, from in- 'not' + different-'differing, deferring' (from the verb differre).

Example Bank:

- Constable's landscapes met with indifference when they were first exhibited.
- Ellis spoke with a casual indifference that he did not feel.
- He feigned indifference to criticism of his work.
- It's a matter of indifference to me whether he goes or not.
- She adopted an attitude of supreme indifference.
- She showed total indifference to his fate.
- The more recent members of staff regard the change in corporate culture with a certain indifference.
- The president is resigned to public indifference to his latest initiative.
- They have an air of studied indifference to the problem.
- They regard the change in corporate culture with a certain indifference
- Try to treat such comments with benign indifference.
- his indifference towards art
- · He showed a total indifference to the needs of others.

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in difference /In'dIferens/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable]

lack of interest or concern

indifference to

- his apparent indifference to material luxuries
- Whether you stay or leave is a matter of total indifference to me (=I do not care).

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