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(adjective) ree-KAL-si-trnt

Obstinate in opposition; stubbornly resisting; difficult to use, handle or deal with.

The generation of a woman comes about when the male formative power fails to shape fully the recalcitrant female 'matter', and so an incomplete being results, lacking in full mental, volitional and physical powers.

Alison Joseph (editor), Through the Devil's Gateway: Women, Religion and Taboo.

Amy, fitting a recalcitrant new ribbon to the ancient typewriter, didn't bother to look up.

P.D. James, Devices and Desires.

Maud Bailey settled Roland into a tubular chair at a pale oak table, like a recalcitrant nursery-school child, and put before him various boxes.

A.S. Byatt, Possession.

Gansler has sought out deputies to focus on environmental issues and promised an "audit" of the state's streams, with the goal of targeting recalcitrant polluters.


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