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(adj) KOS-tiv

Constipated; hesitant, stingy, niggardly.

Her mother had sat at the crowded dinner table, drinking steadily and smoking and speculating aloud on why her daughter had married costive Brian.

Alice Thomas Ellis, *Pillars of Gold*.

He is surely a great orthodox divine, but rather costive in his delivery.

John Galt, *The Ayrshire Legatees*.

At the very motioning thereof my very right entrail seemeth to be widened and enlarged, which was but just now hard-bound, contracted, and costive.

François Rabelais, *Gargantua and Pantagruel*.

Tobey Maguire, looking ever more costive and uncomfortable, returns as Peter Parker, who finds himself doubly transformed: first into the crime-busting arachnid whom we know and revere, second into a black-suited alternative who revels in violence and, for some unknown reason, keeps breaking into dance moves.


Peel himself was famously lachrymose; it is as if this quality has now transferred itself to others, with otherwise emotionally costive people becoming blubbering wrecks as they contemplate a world without the greatest DJ there has ever been.