

μυωπία



myopia

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere  
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# myopia

(noun) my-O-pi-ur

Short-sightedness (both literally and figuratively).

Having worked as a film critic for nearly 20 years, I had frequently been accused of movie **myopia** and asked how I could possibly pass judgment on the new big-screen releases without any awareness of what was happening on the small screen.

Mark Kermode, *The Observer*, 23 September 2007. The Observer

It looked for a moment as if the threat of Nazism might actually unite the two states, but the Free State remained neutral and when Hitler died, de Valera even visited the German minister in Dublin to convey his condolences (a sign of Ireland's "moral **myopia**", says Patterson).

Ian Pindar, *The Guardian*, 11 August 2007, Guardian reviewing Henry Patterson's *Ireland Since 1939: The Persistence of Conflict*.

“Consumer **myopia**” led them to focus too much on things like low teaser rates and initial monthly payments rather than on the total amount of debt they were assuming.

James Surowiecki, *The New Yorker*, James 9 April 2007. The New Yorker

**Myopia** skyrocketed among Eskimos when their children first started going to school, and it is far more common among Israeli children who attend religious schools, where extensive reading is done, than among children of comparable intelligence who attend secular Israeli schools.

Jane Brody, *The New York Times*, 1 July 1994. New York Times

The sorry paradox is that, in its **myopia** over race and its hysterical intolerance of dissent, this doctrine is dragging us along the road towards tyranny.

Leo McKinstry, *The Spectator*, 1 November 2003. The Spectator