

viti!te



vitiate

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere

Saturday 26th August 2023



vitiate

(verb) VI-shee-ayt

Make something invalid, ineffective or faulty; negate; morally degrade or debase something.

Currently, section 61R of the Crimes Act 1900 provides a list of factors that might **vitiate** or negate consent, including mistaken belief as to the identity of the other person, as to marriage, or as to medical or hygienic purposes or as a result of threats or terror.

John Hatzistergos, *NSW Hansard*, 7 November 2007. NSW Hansard

This magazine has been consistent in thinking the Prime Minister was either lying or exaggerating about the WMD. But that did not entirely **vitiate** the case for war.

Unattributed (Leader), *The Spectator*, 17 December 2005. The Spectator

True, the larger number of the world's inhabitants have remained deaf to the preaching of the true religion; but that does not **vitiate** the fact that the Gospel HAS been preached 'for a witness' to all unbelievers from the Papist to the Zulu.

Words penned for a sermon by the character Mr Bodiam in *Crome Yellow*, by Aldous Huxley.

They eschew the hand-me-down picturesque conventions that **vitiate** most "self-taught" painting.

Peter Schjeldahl, *The New Yorker*, 28 May 2001. The New Yorker

If some of the contemporary work seems a little slick and market-conscious, obviously made to appeal to commercial tastes, it doesn't **vitiate** the show's overall strength.

Grace Glueck, *The New York Times*, 18 August 2000.
New York Times