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homogeny, *n.*

Pronunciation: /həʊ'mɒdʒɪni/

Etymology: Ultimately, < Greek *ὁμογένεια* community of origin, < *ὁμογενε-* of the same race or same kind: see HOMOGENE *adj.* and *n.*

†1. Uniformity of nature, homogeneity. *Obs.*

1626 BACON *Sylua Syluarum* §333 The Exhaling, or..Driuing backe of the principall Spirits, which preserue the Consistence of the Body; So that when their Gouernment is Dissolued euery Part returneth to his Nature or Homogeny.

2. *Biol.* The quality of being homogenous; correspondence of structure due to common descent.

1870 E. R. LANKESTER in *Ann. Nat. Hist.* VI. 36 If, however, we compare the fore limb of Sauropsida and Mammalia, it is possible to go a step further with the homogeny.

1872 H. A. NICHOLSON *Introd. Study Biol.* 49 Mr. Ray Lankester has recently proposed to supersede the term 'homology', and to substitute for it the two terms 'homogeny' and 'homoplasy'.

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