

not influenced or controlled by others in matters of opinion, conduct, etc.; thinking or acting for oneself: an independent thinker.

not subject to another's authority or jurisdiction; autonomous; free: an independent businessman.

not influenced by the thought or action of others: independent research.

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