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negligible, adj.

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Pronunciation:

Brit. /ˈnɛɡlɪdʒəbl/ , U.S.

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Etymology:

< classical Latin *negligere* (see *NEGLIGENT* *adj.*) + *-IBLE* *suffix*...

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1. Of a thing, quantity, etc.: able to be neglected or disregarded; unworthy of notice or regard; *spec.* so small or insignificant as not to be worth considering.

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1841 J. F. W. HERSCHEL *Address* 12 Feb. in *Mem. Royal Astron. Soc.* **12** 448 The points of intersection with the axis ought to occur at dates in like manner calculated *à priori*; and so they do within very negligible limits of error.

1879 W. THOMSON & P. G. TAIT *Treat. Nat. Philos.* I. i. §431 When their difference is too large to be negligible.

1895 *Nation* (N.Y.) 22 Aug. 137/3 Admitting such a thing as negligible quantities in a work of art.

1911 G. B. SHAW *Getting Married* Pref. 170 In the State of Washington,...divorce can be had for the asking at a negligible cost.

1944 E. WAUGH *Let.* 17 Aug. (1980) 186, I was burned in several places, on both hands, legs and heads, but as I was anaesthetized by shock my sufferings were negligible.

1984 A. THWAITE *Edmund Gosse* x. 281 Many of the errors were of negligible importance.

2001 *Nature* 11 Jan. 160/1 The cloud is sufficiently nearby that foreground star contamination is negligible.

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2. Of a person and (occas.) of a place: of little worth, substance, or significance; of no account, unimportant; that can be disregarded or passed over.

1895 G. SAINTSBURY in *Fortnightly Rev.* Feb. 195 Not that he is by any means a negligible person.

1903 G. B. SHAW *Man & Superman* i. 16 One of those women who are conscious of being treated as silly and negligible.

1920 T. S. ELIOT *Sacred Wood* 54 The reasons..are..second, that a not negligible public appears to want verse plays.

c1925 D. H. LAWRENCE *Virgin & Gipsy* (1930) i. 7 Wounded, they decided that it was because their mother found them negligible.

1962 L. WOOLF *Let.* 5 July (1989) 448 The sneering and sniping leave the uninformed reader with the impression that they were merely silly or negligible.

1988 *Harrowsmith* Jan. 43/2 You can see Henry County either as a rather negligible kind of backwater, a boondock that nobody would care much about, or..a country capable of diverse uses and pleasures.

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1946 *Econ. Jnl.* **56** 428 This infancy and negligibleness are made more striking by comparing China's factory production with that of the other three countries.

1989 *Amer. Polit. Sci. Rev.* **83** 218/2 We must accept the negligibleness of instrumental motivations in mass elections.

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