

# Reconstruction:Proto-Indo-European/tewtéh₂



This Proto-Indo-European entry contains **reconstructed words and roots**. As such, the term(s) in this entry are not directly attested, but are hypothesized to have existed based on comparative evidence.

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## Proto-Indo-European

### Reconstruction

Clear cognates are found only in Italo-Celtic, Baltic and Germanic, which may point to an old European substrate word,<sup>[1]</sup> geographically confined to the west and center of the IE world.

Persian توده (*tōda*, “masses; heap; stack, hill, rick, tumulus”) and its Iranian cognates are sometimes considered descendants, but the semantic divergence is difficult to reconcile.<sup>[2]</sup>

The supposed Hittite cognate 𐎠𐎵𐎠𐎶𐎠𐎶𐎠𐎶 (*tuzziš*, “army; camp”) with the semantic shift "people" > "army" > "camp" has been criticized to be unlikely (the normal development would be "camp" > "army").<sup>[3]</sup> Kloekhorst furthermore argues that the Hittite word can formally only reflect an i-stem *tewt-i-*, and finally endorses an alternative etymology proposed by Melchert, from PIE *\*d<sup>h</sup>₁-uti-*.

Often a derivation from either of the roots *\*tewh₂-* (“to be strong; swell”)<sup>[4]</sup> (referring to the strength of community) and *\*tewH-* (“to look favorably; protect; observe”)<sup>[5]</sup> + *\*-téh₂* is considered, but the presence of a laryngeal renders that suspect.<sup>[6]</sup>

### Noun

**\*tewtéh₂** <sup>[7]</sup>

## 1. people, tribe

### Inflection

Thematic in <i>*-eh<sub>2</sub></i>			
	singular	dual	plural
<b>nominative</b>	*tewtéh <sub>2</sub>	—	—
<b>vocative</b>	*tewtéh <sub>2</sub>	—	—
<b>accusative</b>	*tewtám	—	—
<b>genitive</b>	*tewtéh <sub>2</sub> s	—	—
<b>ablative</b>	*tewtéh <sub>2</sub> s	—	—
<b>dative</b>	*tewtéh <sub>2</sub> ey	—	—
<b>locative</b>	*tewtéh <sub>2</sub> , *tewtéh <sub>2</sub> i	—	—
<b>instrumental</b>	*tewtéh <sub>2</sub> h <sub>1</sub>	—	—

### Coordinate terms

- \*déh<sub>2</sub>mos (“segment (of people)”)
  - Ancient Greek: δῆμος (dêmos)
- \*h<sub>1</sub>léwd<sup>his</sup> (“people”)
  - Old Church Slavonic: ЛЮДИЮ (ljudije)
- \*pleh<sub>1</sub>d<sup>hwéh</sup><sub>1</sub>s (“mass (of people)”)
  - Latin: plēbs

### Derived terms

- \*swe-tewtéh<sub>2</sub>- (*perhaps*, + \*swe- (“self”))
  - Proto-Germanic: \*Swehanþeudō
    - Old English: Sweoþeod
    - Latin: Suethia, Suetia, Suecia
    - Old Norse: Svíþjóð

### Descendants

- >? Proto-Albanian: [Term?]
  - Albanian: \*tetan
    - Albanian: tëtanë
- Proto-Anatolian: [Term?]
  - Hittite: 𒄎𒄍𒄎𒄍𒄎𒄍 (tuzziš, “army; camp”) (*uncertain*)

- Proto-Balto-Slavic: \*t(j)autā?
  - Latvian: tāuta
  - Lithuanian: tautà
  - Old Prussian: tauto (“country”)
  - Proto-Slavic: \*tǫdъ (“foreigner, stranger”)
- Proto-Celtic: \*toutā (see there for further descendants)
- Proto-Germanic: \*peudō (see there for further descendants)
- Proto-Indo-Iranian: \*tawtáH (see there for further descendants)
- Illyrian: \*Teuta, \*Teut-<sup>[8]</sup>
- Proto-Italic: \*toutā (see there for further descendants)
- Phrygian: τευτους (teutous, acc.pl.)

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