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denotation

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| 5. to influence someone's thoughts and actions | _____ persuade _____ | _____ |
| 6. openly making truthful observations | _____ | _____ blunt _____ |
| 7. strongly emotionally invested in something | _____ | _____ fanatical _____ |
| 8. following old customs or ways of thought | _____ | _____ old-fashioned _____ |
| 9. willing to face dangerous odds and take risks | _____ | _____ reckless _____ |
| 10. refusing to let something go; doing repeatedly | _____ | _____ annoying _____ |

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