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: the quality or state of being valid: such as
  a : the state of being acceptable according to the law • The validity of the contract is being questioned.
    • What the federal courts have ruled ... is that renunciations made behind barbed wire were essentially under duress, and thus of no legal validity. —Roger Daniels
  b : the quality of being well-grounded, sound, or correct • the validity of an argument/theory • Other researchers have questioned the validity of the test results.
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