

Need another word that means the same as “conservative”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “conservative” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Conservative” are: bourgeois, materialistic, button-down, buttoned-down, cautious, traditionalist, traditional, conventional, orthodox, stable, old-fashioned, unchanging, hidebound, sober, quiet, modest, plain, unobtrusive, unostentatious, restrained, reserved, subdued, subtle, low-key, demure, right-wing, reactionary, unprogressive, establishmentarian, blimpish, low, understated, unexaggerated, moderate, reasonable, conservativist, right-winger, rightist, diehard**

## Conservative as a Noun

### Definitions of "Conservative" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “conservative” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A person who is reluctant to accept changes and new ideas.*
- *A member of a Conservative Party.*
- *A supporter or member of the Conservative Party in the UK or a similar party elsewhere.*
- *A person favouring free enterprise, private ownership, and socially traditional ideas.*
- *A person who is averse to change and holds traditional values.*



## Synonyms of "Conservative" as a noun (5 Words)

- conservativist** A person who is reluctant to accept changes and new ideas.
- diehard** A person who strongly opposes change or who continues to support something in spite of opposition.  
A **diehard** Yankees fan.
- reactionary** A reactionary person.  
He was later to become an extreme **reactionary**.
- right-winger** A member of a right wing political party.
- rightist** A person who supports the political views or policies of the right.  
A national hero of the **rightists**.



## Usage Examples of "Conservative" as a noun

- *The Massachusetts liberal who conservatives love to hate.*
- *He was considered a conservative in his approach to Catholic teachings.*



# Conservative as an Adjective

## Definitions of "Conservative" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "conservative" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Having social or political views favoring conservatism.*
- *Unimaginatively conventional- Newsweek.*
- *Conforming to the standards and conventions of the middle class.*
- *Resistant to change, particularly in relation to politics or religion.*
- *Unimaginatively conventional.*
- *(of an estimate) purposely low for the sake of caution.*
- *Resistant to change.*
- *Relating to the Conservative Party in the UK or a similar party elsewhere.*
- *(in a political context) favouring free enterprise, private ownership, and socially traditional ideas.*
- *Avoiding excess.*
- *(of surgery or medical treatment) intended to control rather than eliminate a condition, with existing tissue preserved as far as possible.*
- *(of dress or taste) sober and conventional.*
- *Averse to change or innovation and holding traditional values.*



## Synonyms of "Conservative" as an adjective (35 Words)

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| <b>blimpish</b>           | Pompously ultraconservative and nationalistic.   |
| <b>bourgeois</b>          | Being of the property-owning class and exploitive of the working class.<br><i>These views will shock the <b>bourgeois</b> critics.</i> |
| <b>button-down</b>        | Unimaginatively conventional- Newsweek.  |
| <b>buttoned-down</b>      | Unimaginatively conventional- Newsweek.  |
| <b>cautious</b>           | (of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers.<br><i>Reserved and <b>cautious</b> never making swift decisions.</i>     |
| <b>conventional</b>       | Conforming with accepted standards.<br><i><b>Conventional</b> wisdom.</i>  |
| <b>demure</b>             | Affectedly modest or shy especially in a playful or provocative way.<br><i>Antonia was pensive and <b>demure</b>.</i>                  |
| <b>establishmentarian</b> | Adhering to, advocating, or relating to the principle of an established Church.<br><i><b>Establishmentarian</b> politics.</i>          |
| <b>hidebound</b>          | Stubbornly conservative and narrow-minded.<br><i>They are working to change <b>hidebound</b> corporate cultures.</i>                   |

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| <b>low</b>           | Used of sounds and voices low in pitch or frequency.<br><i>Low ceilings.</i>   |
| <b>low-key</b>       | Restrained in style or quality.  |
| <b>materialistic</b> | Excessively concerned with material possessions; money-oriented.<br><i>We re living in a highly <b>materialistic</b> society.</i>  |
| <b>moderate</b>      | Being within reasonable or average limits; not excessive or extreme.<br><i>A <b>moderate</b> eater.</i>  |
| <b>modest</b>        | Dressing or behaving so as to avoid impropriety or indecency, especially to avoid attracting sexual attention (typically used of a woman).<br><i>Drink <b>modest</b> amounts of alcohol.</i> |
| <b>old-fashioned</b> | Out of fashion.  |
| <b>orthodox</b>      | Of or pertaining to or characteristic of Judaism.<br><i>An <b>orthodox</b> view of the world.</i>  |
| <b>plain</b>         | Not decorated or elaborate; simple or basic in character.<br><i>A <b>plain</b> girl with a freckled face.</i>  |
| <b>quiet</b>         | Carried out discreetly, secretly, or with moderation.<br><i>We wanted a <b>quiet</b> wedding.</i>  |
| <b>reactionary</b>   | Extremely conservative.<br><i><b>Reactionary</b> attitudes toward women s rights.</i>  |
| <b>reasonable</b>    | Based on good sense.<br><i>It seems a <b>reasonable</b> enough request.</i>  |
| <b>reserved</b>      | Slow to reveal emotion or opinions.<br><i>Was habitually <b>reserved</b> in speech withholding her opinion.</i>  |
| <b>restrained</b>    | Marked by avoidance of extravagance or extremes.<br><i>His <b>restrained</b> gentlemanly voice.</i>  |
| <b>right-wing</b>    | Believing in or supporting tenets of the political right.  |
| <b>sober</b>         | Not affected by a chemical substance (especially alcohol).<br><i>A <b>sober</b> view of life.</i>  |
| <b>stable</b>        | Firm and dependable; subject to little fluctuation.<br><i>The officer concerned is mentally and emotionally <b>stable</b>.</i>   |
| <b>subdued</b>       | In a softened tone.<br><i>I felt strangely <b>subdued</b> as I drove home.</i>   |
| <b>subtle</b>        | Capable of making fine distinctions.<br><i><b>Subtle</b> lighting.</i>   |
| <b>traditional</b>   | Consisting of or derived from tradition.<br><i><b>Traditional</b> morality.</i>  |

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| <b>traditionalist</b>     | Advocating the upholding or maintenance of tradition.<br><i>His <b>traditionalist</b> stance on the ordination of women.</i> |
| <b><u>unchanging</u></b>  | Showing little if any change.<br><i>The party stood for <b>unchanging</b> principles.</i>                                    |
| <b><u>understated</u></b> | Exhibiting restrained good taste.<br><i><b>Understated</b> elegance.</i>   |
| <b>unexaggerated</b>      | Not exaggerated, overblown, or unrealistic.<br><i>A true <b>unexaggerated</b> statement.</i>                                 |
| <b><u>unobtrusive</u></b> | Not conspicuous or attracting attention.<br><i>The service was <b>unobtrusive</b> and efficient.</i>                         |
| <b>unostentatious</b>     | Exhibiting restrained good taste.<br><i>His <b>unostentatious</b> office.</i>  |
| <b>unprogressive</b>      | Old-fashioned and out of date.<br><i>The <b>unprogressive</b> nature of British institutions.</i>                            |





## Usage Examples of "Conservative" as an adjective

- *A conservative suit.*
- *A conservative estimate.*
- *The Conservative government.*
- *They were very conservative in their outlook.*
- *Police placed the value of the haul at a conservative £500,000.*
- *The film was not cheap—\$30,000 is a conservative estimate.*



## Associations of "Conservative" (30 Words)

**bourgeois**

A bourgeois person.

***Bourgeois*** society took for granted the sanctity of property.

**capitalism**

An economic system based on private ownership of capital.

Private ownership is a key feature of ***capitalism***.

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| <b>capitalist</b>    | Of or relating to capitalism or capitalists.<br><i><b>Capitalist</b> countries.</i>  |
| <b>confucian</b>     | Relating to or characteristic of Confucianism.   |
| <b>confucianism</b>  | The teachings of Confucius emphasizing love for humanity; high value given to learning and to devotion to family (including ancestors); peace; justice; influenced the traditional culture of China. |
| <b>conservatism</b>  | Commitment to traditional values and ideas with opposition to change or innovation.<br><i>Proponents of theological <b>conservatism</b>.</i>   |
| <b>consumerism</b>   | A movement advocating greater protection of the interests of consumers.<br><i>Many people are becoming increasingly conscious of the environmental impact of <b>consumerism</b>.</i>                 |
| <b>conventional</b>  | (of weapons or power) non-nuclear.<br><i><b>Conventional</b> bourgeois lives.</i>  |
| <b>coptic</b>        | The liturgical language of the Coptic Church used in Egypt and Ethiopia; written in the Greek alphabet.  |
| <b>cultural</b>      | Relating to the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a society.<br><i>Influenced by ethnic and <b>cultural</b> ties.</i>  |
| <b>custom</b>        | Regular dealings with a shop or business by customers.<br><i>It is our <b>custom</b> to visit the Lake District in October.</i>  |
| <b>diehard</b>       | A person who strongly opposes change or who continues to support something in spite of opposition.<br><i>My stepfather was a <b>diehard</b> Republican.</i>  |
| <b>epitomize</b>     | Give a summary of (a written work).<br><i>The company <b>epitomized</b> the problems faced by British industry.</i>  |
| <b>ethos</b>         | (anthropology) the distinctive spirit of a culture or an era.<br><i>The Greek <b>ethos</b>.</i>  |
| <b>folklore</b>      | The traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a community, passed through the generations by word of mouth.<br><i>Hollywood <b>folklore</b>.</i>  |
| <b>functionalism</b> | The theory that all aspects of a society serve a function and are necessary for the survival of that society.  |
| <b>hyperborean</b>   | Relating to the extreme north.   |
| <b>ideology</b>      | The set of beliefs characteristic of a social group or individual.<br><i>A critique of bourgeois <b>ideology</b>.</i>  |
| <b>liberalist</b>    | A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.   |

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| <b>materialism</b>   | The philosophical theory that matter is the only reality.<br><i>They hated the sinful <b>materialism</b> of the wicked city.</i>   |
| <b>materialistic</b> | Conforming to the standards and conventions of the middle class.<br><i>We re living in a highly <b>materialistic</b> society.</i>  |
| <b>modernism</b>     | A style or movement in the arts that aims to depart significantly from classical and traditional forms.<br><i>A strange mix of nostalgia and <b>modernism</b>.</i>                             |
| <b>orthodox</b>      | Following or conforming to the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs of a religion, philosophy, or practice.<br><i>An <b>orthodox</b> view of the world.</i>                      |
| <b>orthodoxy</b>     | The quality of conforming to orthodox theories, doctrines, or practices.<br><i>Writings of unimpeachable <b>orthodoxy</b>.</i>   |
| <b>philistine</b>    | A person who is uninterested in intellectual pursuits.<br><i>There were displays to inspire even the most <b>philistine</b> of visitors.</i>   |
| <b>temporal</b>      | Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world.<br><i>The Church did not imitate the secular rulers who thought only of <b>temporal</b> gain.</i>        |
| <b>tradition</b>     | (in Christianity) doctrine not explicit in the Bible but held to derive from the oral teaching of Christ and the Apostles.<br><i>Visionary works in the <b>tradition</b> of William Blake.</i> |
| <b>traditional</b>   | Produced, done, or used in accordance with tradition.<br><i>The simple security of <b>traditional</b> assumptions has vanished.</i>  |
| <b>traditionally</b> | As part of a long-established custom, practice, or belief; typically.<br><i>Behaviour that is <b>traditionally</b> associated with adolescence.</i>  |
| <b>tuscan</b>        | A dialect of Italian spoken in Tuscany (especially Florence).  |

