

Need another word that means the same as “controversy”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “controversy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Controversy” are: arguing, argument, contention, contestation, disceptation, disputation, tilt, disagreement, dispute, debate, dissension, altercation, wrangle, quarrel, squabble, war of words, storm

Controversy as a Noun

Definitions of "Controversy" as a noun

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

- *Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion.*
- *A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement.*



Synonyms of "Controversy" as a noun (17 Words)

- altercation** Noisy quarrel.
*I had an **altercation** with the ticket collector.*
- arguing** A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement.
- argument** An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x)$ the arguments of the function F are x and the value is y .
*Heated **arguments** over public spending.*
- contention** A point asserted as part of an argument.
*Freud's **contention** that all dreams were wish fulfilment.*
- contestation** The action or process of disputing or arguing.
*Ideological **contestation** over social policy in the European Union.*
- debate** A discussion in which reasons are advanced for and against some proposition or proposal.
*Last night's **debate** on the Education Bill.*

<u>disagreement</u>	The speech act of disagreeing or arguing or disputing. <i>Disagreements between parents and adolescents.</i>
disceputation	Disputation, debate, discussion; an instance of this.
disputation	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>The founding father of logical disputation.</i>
dispute	A disagreement between management and employees that leads to industrial action. <i>He had a dispute with his wife.</i>
dissension	Disagreement that leads to discord. <i>The mill was the cause of a dissension in 1620.</i>
<u>quarrel</u>	A heated argument or disagreement, typically about a trivial issue and between people who are usually on good terms. <i>She made the mistake of picking a quarrel with John.</i>
squabble	A quarrel about petty points. <i>Family squabbles.</i>
<u>storm</u>	Storm windows. <i>The book caused a storm in America.</i>
tilt	A combat between two mounted knights tilting against each other with blunted lances. <i>The court s tilt toward conservative rulings.</i>
war of words	A legal state created by a declaration of war and ended by official declaration during which the international rules of war apply.
<u>wrangle</u>	A dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated. <i>An insurance wrangle is holding up compensation payments.</i>



Usage Examples of "Controversy" as a noun

- *The design of the building has caused controversy.*
- *The announcement ended a protracted controversy.*



Associations of "Controversy" (30 Words)

argue	Have an argument about something. <i>Sociologists argue that inequalities in industrial societies are being reduced.</i>
<u>argument</u>	An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x)$ the arguments of the function F are x and the value is y . <i>There is a strong argument for submitting a formal appeal.</i>
<u>contention</u>	An assertion, especially one maintained in argument. <i>The captured territory was the main area of contention between the two countries.</i>
<u>contentious</u>	Involving or likely to cause controversy- Tim W.Ferguson. <i>A style described as abrasive and contentious.</i>
contentiousness	An inclination to be quarrelsome and contentious.
<u>controversial</u>	Marked by or capable of arousing controversy. <i>The issue of the death penalty is highly controversial.</i>
<u>debatable</u>	(of land) on the border between two countries and claimed by each. <i>It is debatable whether the country is coming out of recession.</i>
debate	Argue about (a subject), especially in a formal manner. <i>John debated Mary.</i>
<u>disagreement</u>	Lack of consistency or correspondence. <i>Disagreements between parents and adolescents.</i>
<u>discourse</u>	Speak or write authoritatively about a topic. <i>A discourse on critical theory.</i>
discussion	A detailed treatment of a topic in speech or writing. <i>See Appendix One for a more detailed discussion.</i>
disproof	A set of facts that prove that something is untrue. <i>Rex was living disproof of the youth preserving powers imputed to life in the college.</i>
disputable	Not established as a fact, and so open to question or debate. <i>Whether it can be described as art criticism may be disputable.</i>
disputation	Formal academic debate. <i>The founding father of logical disputation.</i>
disputatious	Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits. <i>A disputatious lawyer.</i>

dispute	Question whether (a statement or alleged fact) is true or valid. <i>An industrial dispute.</i>
dissension	A conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters. <i>These issues caused bitter dissension in the party.</i>
<u>enthuse</u>	Utter with enthusiasm. <i>They both enthused over my new look.</i>
hassel	Norwegian chemist noted for his research on organic molecules (1897-1981).
<u>hotspot</u>	An area of volcanic activity. <i>Teams will patrol anti social behaviour hotspots in all parts of the borough.</i>
interlocutor	A person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation.
issue	Prepare and issue for public distribution or sale. <i>Politicians never discuss the real issues.</i>
litigious	Suitable to become the subject of a lawsuit. <i>Our increasingly litigious society.</i>
polemical	Of or involving strongly critical or disputatious writing or speech. <i>A polemical essay.</i>
<u>quarrel</u>	Complain or scold someone. <i>They had a quarrel.</i>
quarrelsome	Given to quarreling. <i>A moody quarrelsome man.</i>
<u>questionable</u>	Subject to question. <i>Questionable motives.</i>
refutable	Able to be refuted.
<u>rivalry</u>	Competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field. <i>There always has been intense rivalry between the clubs.</i>
<u>wrangle</u>	A dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated. <i>The bar keeper threw them out but they continued to wrangle on down the street.</i>

