

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.*

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

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

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



