

Need another word that means the same as “disavow”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “disavow” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Disavow” are: **deny, disclaim, disown, wash one's hands of**

Disavow as a Verb

Definitions of "Disavow" as a verb

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

- *Refuse to acknowledge; disclaim knowledge of; responsibility for, or association with.*
- *Deny any responsibility or support for.*

Synonyms of "Disavow" as a verb (4 Words)

deny	Deny formally an allegation of fact by the opposing party in a legal suit. <i>The servants are ordered to deny him.</i>
disclaim	Make a disclaimer about. <i>He disclaimed any responsibility.</i>
disown	Refuse to acknowledge or maintain any connection with. <i>Lovell s rich family had disowned him because of his marriage.</i>
wash one's hands of	Be capable of being washed.

Usage Examples of "Disavow" as a verb

- *Her husband disavowed her after 30 years of marriage and six children.*
- *The union leaders resisted pressure to disavow picket-line violence.*

Associations of "Disavow" (30 Words)

abjure	Formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure. <i>MPs were urged to abjure their Jacobite allegiance.</i>
abnegation	Self-denial. <i>People are capable of abnegation and unselfishness.</i>
belie	Be in contradiction with. <i>His lively alert manner belied his years.</i>
contradict	Be in contradiction with. <i>He did not contradict what he said last week.</i>
controvert	Prove to be false or incorrect. <i>The views in the article have been controverted.</i>
deny	Deny formally an allegation of fact by the opposing party in a legal suit. <i>Both firms deny any responsibility for the tragedy.</i>
disavowal	Denial of any connection with or knowledge of. <i>They know this despite their disavowals.</i>
disclaim	Make a disclaimer about. <i>The school disclaimed any responsibility for his death.</i>
disinherit	Prevent deliberately (as by making a will) from inheriting. <i>The Duke is seeking to disinherit his eldest son.</i>
disown	Prevent deliberately (as by making a will) from inheriting. <i>Lovell's rich family had disowned him because of his marriage.</i>
forswear	Agree to give up or do without. <i>I swore that I would lead us safely home and I do not mean to be forsworn.</i>
heresy	A belief that rejects the orthodox tenets of a religion. <i>Huss was burned for heresy.</i>
modestly	To a relatively moderate or small degree. <i>He modestly shrugged off the tributes from his manager.</i>
negate	Be in contradiction with. <i>Alcohol negates the effects of the drug.</i>
neutralize	Make chemically neutral. <i>The treaty neutralized the small republic.</i>
no	Not in any degree or manner not at all. <i>They were no more able to perform the task than I was.</i>
nullify	Make of no use or value; cancel out. <i>Judges were unwilling to nullify government decisions.</i>

<u>objection</u>	The act of expressing earnest opposition or protest. <i>His view is open to objection.</i>
<u>rebuttal</u>	(law) a pleading by the defendant in reply to a plaintiff's surrejoinder. Say that one no longer holds an opinion or belief, especially one considered heretical.
recant	<i>Heretics were burned if they would not recant.</i>
<u>refusal</u>	A message refusing to accept something that is offered. <i>An appeal against the refusal of a licence.</i>
<u>refute</u>	Prove that (someone) is wrong. <i>The speaker refuted his opponent's arguments.</i>
reject	Reject with contempt. <i>An application to hold a pop concert at the club was rejected.</i>
rejection	The act of rejecting something. <i>The Union decided last night to recommend rejection of the offer.</i>
<u>renounce</u>	Formally declare one's abandonment of (a claim, right, or possession). <i>They renounced the armed struggle.</i>
repudiate	Refuse to acknowledge, ratify, or recognize as valid. <i>Philip was excommunicated in 1095 because he had repudiated his wife.</i>
repudiation	Rejecting or disowning or disclaiming as invalid. <i>The repudiation of the debt by the city.</i>
rescind	Revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement). <i>The government eventually rescinded the directive.</i>
retract	Draw back. <i>She retracted her hand as if she'd been burnt.</i>
<u>veto</u>	Exercise a veto against a decision or proposal. <i>Neither state was given a veto over amendments to the Act.</i>