

Need another word that means the same as “divisive”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “divisive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Divisive” are: dissentious, factious, alienating, estranging, isolating, schismatic

Divisive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Divisive" as an adjective

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

- *Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion).*
- *Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people.*



Synonyms of "Divisive" as an adjective (6 Words)

- alienating** Causing hostility or loss of friendliness.
*Her sudden **alienating** aloofness.*
- dissentious** Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion).
***Dissentious** rogues.*
- estranging** Making one feel out of place or alienated.
*The landscape was **estranging**.*
- factious** Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion).
*A **factious** country.*

isolating

Relating to or being a language in which each word typically expresses a distinct idea and part of speech and syntactical relations are determined almost exclusively by word order and particles.

*Working from your home office every day is **isolating**.*

schismatic

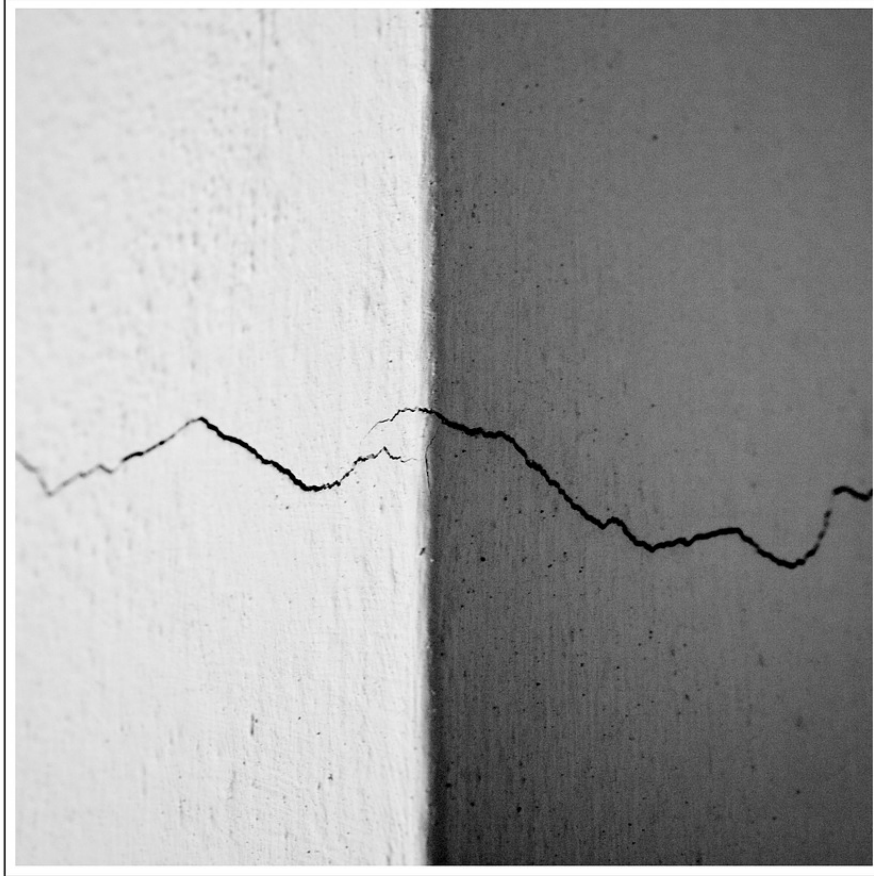
Characterized by or favouring schism.

***Schismatic** religious movements were gaining currency.*



Usage Examples of "Divisive" as an adjective

- *The highly divisive issue of abortion.*



Associations of "Divisive" (30 Words)

- antagonistic** Characterized by antagonism or antipathy.
*Europe was **antagonistic** to the Unites States.*
- combative** Having or showing a ready disposition to fight.
*He made some enemies with his **combative** style.*
- competition** An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants.
*He wanted to know what the **competition** was doing.*
- conflict** Be in conflict.
*He was immobilized by **conflict** and indecision.*
- confrontational** Tending to deal with situations in an aggressive way; hostile or argumentative.
*He distanced himself from the **confrontational** approach adopted by his predecessor.*

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| <u>contradiction</u> | A situation in which inconsistent elements are present. <i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to contradiction.</i> |
| <u>contradictory</u> | A contradictory proposition. <i>The two studies came to contradictory conclusions.</i> |
| cracked | Of paint or varnish; having the appearance of alligator hide. <i>You must think my family are cracked.</i> |
| <u>differ</u> | Be different. <i>He differed from his contemporaries in ethical matters.</i> |
| <u>disagree</u> | (of statements or accounts) be inconsistent or fail to correspond. <i>She disagrees with her husband on many questions.</i> |
| <u>disagreement</u> | A conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters. <i>Disagreements between parents and adolescents.</i> |
| discomfit | Make (someone) feel uneasy or embarrassed. <i>He was not noticeably discomfited by her tone.</i> |
| disconcert | Disturb the composure of; unsettle. <i>The abrupt change of subject disconcerted her.</i> |
| <u>discord</u> | Lack of agreement or harmony between things. <i>The discord between indigenous and Western cultures.</i> |
| <u>discordant</u> | (of sounds) harsh and jarring because of a lack of harmony. <i>The singers continued their discordant chanting.</i> |
| discrepant | Not compatible with other facts. <i>Widely discrepant statements.</i> |
| dissension | Disagreement among those expected to cooperate. <i>These issues caused bitter dissension in the party.</i> |
| dissonance | The auditory experience of sound that lacks musical quality; sound that is a disagreeable auditory experience. <i>An unusual degree of dissonance for such choral styles.</i> |
| dissonant | Lacking in harmony. <i>Irregular dissonant chords.</i> |
| factious | Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion). <i>A factious country.</i> |
| fight | The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>General Hill fights his troops well.</i> |
| <u>incompatible</u> | (of one thing or person) not consistent or able to coexist with (another). <i>Incompatible colors.</i> |

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| <u>inconsistency</u> | An inconsistent aspect or element. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i> |
| inharmonious | Lacking in harmony of parts. <i>An inharmonious or incongruous mixture of architectural styles.</i> |
| <u>opposition</u> | A contrast or antithesis. <i>Despite opposition from the newspapers he went ahead.</i> |
| partisan | A member of an armed group formed to fight secretly against an occupying force, in particular one operating in German-occupied Yugoslavia, Italy, and parts of eastern Europe in the Second World War. <i>The partisans opened fire from the woods.</i> |
| <u>rivalry</u> | The act of competing as for profit or a prize. <i>There always has been intense rivalry between the clubs.</i> |
| sectarian | (of an action) carried out on the grounds of membership of a sect, denomination, or other group. <i>The negations of sectarian ideology.</i> |
| strife | Angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict. <i>Decades of civil strife.</i> |
| struggle | An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals)-Thomas Paine. <i>Before she could struggle he lifted her up.</i> |

