

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

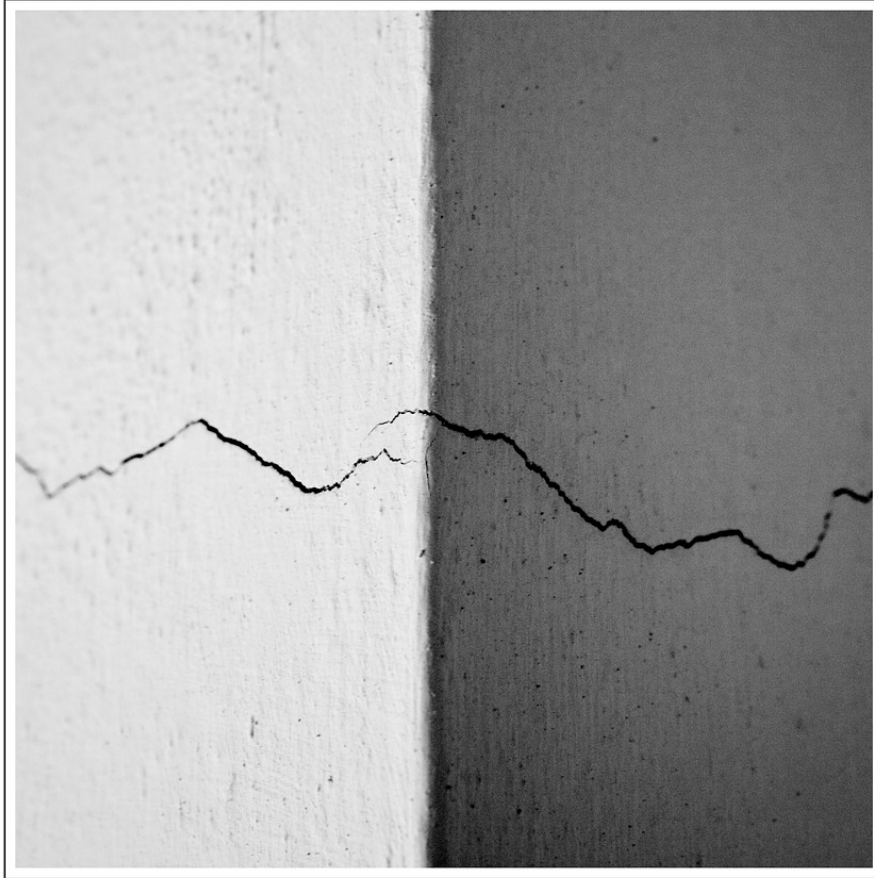
Characterized by or favouring schism.

***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.*

<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>

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

