

Need another word that means the same as “liberal”? Find 59 synonyms and 30 related words for “liberal” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Liberal” are: big, bighearted, bounteous, bountiful, freehanded, giving, handsome, openhanded, broad, large-minded, tolerant, free, loose, unprejudiced, unbigoted, broad-minded, open-minded, enlightened, forbearing, progressive, advanced, modern, forward-looking, reformist, radical, abundant, copious, ample, plentiful, generous, lavish, luxuriant, profuse, considerable, prolific, rich, magnanimous, unsparing, unstinting, ungrudging, munificent, beneficent, benevolent, kind-hearted, kind, philanthropic, charitable, altruistic, unselfish, wide-ranging, general, humanistic, flexible, rough, not literal, not strict, not close, liberalist

Liberal as a Noun

Definitions of "Liberal" as a noun

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

- *A supporter of a political and social philosophy that promotes individual rights, civil liberties, democracy, and free enterprise.*
- *A person who favors an economic theory of laissez-faire and self-regulating markets.*
- *A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.*

- A supporter or member of a Liberal party or (in the UK) the Liberal Democrat Party.
- A supporter of policies that are socially progressive and promote social welfare.



Synonyms of "Liberal" as a noun (2 Words)

liberalist A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.

A progressive tense or aspect.

progressive People tend to present themselves either as **progressives** or traditionalists on this issue.



Usage Examples of "Liberal" as a noun

- *Classical liberals emphasized the right of the individual to make decisions, even if the results dismayed their neighbours or injured themselves.*
- *Are we dealing with a polarization between liberals and conservatives?*
- *The Liberals are looking to defend a seat in Tuebrook and Stoneycroft.*



Liberal as an Adjective

Definitions of "Liberal" as an adjective

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

- *Having political or social views favoring reform and progress.*
- *(in a political context) favouring policies that are socially progressive and promote social welfare.*
- *Tolerant of change; not bound by authoritarianism, orthodoxy, or tradition.*
- *Given, used, or occurring in generous amounts.*
- *Given or giving freely.*
- *Showing or characterized by broad-mindedness.*
- *Willing to respect or accept behaviour or opinions different from one's own; open to new ideas.*
- *Relating to or denoting a political and social philosophy that promotes individual rights, civil liberties, democracy, and free enterprise.*
- *(of a person) giving generously.*
- *Relating to a Liberal party or (in the UK) the Liberal Democrat Party.*

- *Regarding many traditional beliefs as dispensable, invalidated by modern thought, or liable to change.*
- *(of education) concerned with broadening a person's general knowledge and experience, rather than with technical or professional training.*
- *(especially of an interpretation of a law) broadly construed or understood; not strictly literal or exact.*
- *Not literal.*



Synonyms of "Liberal" as an adjective (57 Words)

abundant	Having plenty of. <i>There was abundant evidence to support the theory.</i>
advanced	Modern and recently developed. <i>People of advanced years.</i>
altruistic	Showing unselfish concern for the welfare of others. <i>I question how altruistic his motives were.</i>
ample	Fairly large. <i>Had ample food for the party.</i>
beneficent	(of a person) generous or doing good. <i>A beneficent landowner.</i>

benevolent	Well meaning and kindly. <i>A benevolent smile.</i>
big	Fully developed. <i>A small company with big plans.</i>
bighearted	Given or giving freely.
bounteous	Generously given or giving; bountiful. <i>The bounteous goodness of God.</i>
bountiful	Giving generously. <i>This bountiful God has thought of everything.</i>
broad	Broad in scope or content. <i>A broad expanse of paddy fields.</i>
broad-minded	Inclined to respect views and beliefs that differ from your own.
charitable	Generous in giving to those in need. <i>Those who were less charitable called for his resignation.</i>
considerable	(of a person) having merit or distinction. <i>A considerable quantity.</i>
copious	Large in number or quantity (especially of discourse). <i>Copious provisions.</i>
enlightened	Having knowledge and spiritual insight. <i>We become enlightened in our relationship with God.</i>
flexible	Capable of being changed. <i>You can save money if you re flexible about where your room is located.</i>
forbearing	Showing patient and unruffled self-control and restraint under adversity; slow to retaliate or express resentment. <i>He proved to be remarkably forbearing whenever I was impatient or angry.</i>
forward-looking	Ahead of the times.
free	Not or no longer confined or imprisoned. <i>Free enterprise.</i>
freehanded	Done by hand without mechanical aids or devices. <i>A freehanded host.</i>
general	Prevailing among and common to the general public. <i>In general terms.</i>
generous	Willing to give and share unstintingly. <i>A generous benefactor to the University.</i>
giving	Given or giving freely. <i>Saturday s child is loving and giving.</i>

handsome	(of a number, sum of money, or margin) substantial. <i>He was elected by a handsome majority.</i>
humanistic	Marked by humanistic values and devotion to human welfare. <i>Respect and humanistic regard for all members of our species.</i>
kind	Agreeable, conducive to comfort. <i>A kind master.</i>
kind-hearted	Having or proceeding from an innately kind disposition.
large-minded	Showing or characterized by broad-mindedness.
<u>lavish</u>	Sumptuously rich, elaborate, or luxurious. <i>Lavish praise.</i>
<u>loose</u>	(of the ball or puck in a game) in play but not in any player's possession. <i>The tethered horses broke loose.</i>
luxuriant	(of vegetation) rich and profuse in growth; lush. <i>Forests of dark luxuriant foliage.</i>
magnanimous	Generous and understanding and tolerant. <i>Magnanimous toward his enemies.</i>
<u>modern</u>	Belonging to the modern era since the Middle Ages. <i>Modern German.</i>
munificent	Characterized by or displaying great generosity. <i>His father gave him a half dollar and his mother a quarter and he thought them munificent.</i>
not close	Rigorously attentive; strict and thorough.
not literal	Limited to the explicit meaning of a word or text.
not strict	Severe and unremitting in making demands.
open-minded	Ready to entertain new ideas.
openhanded	Given or giving freely. <i>Her fond and openhanded grandfather.</i>
philanthropic	(of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others; generous and benevolent. <i>They receive financial support from philanthropic bodies.</i>
plentiful	Affording an abundant supply. <i>Rhinoceroses were once plentiful here.</i>
<u>profuse</u>	(of a person) extravagant. <i>They are profuse in hospitality.</i>
<u>progressive</u>	Advancing in severity. <i>Progressive paralysis.</i>

prolific	(of a plant, animal, or person) producing much fruit or foliage or many offspring. <i>A prolific goalscorer.</i>
radical	Markedly new or introducing radical change. <i>Radical political views.</i>
reformist	Supporting or advancing gradual reform rather than abolition or revolution. <i>The reformist policies of the government.</i>
rich	Marked by richness and fullness of flavor. <i>A rich tenor voice.</i>
rough	Not exact or precise; approximate. <i>A rough draft.</i>
tolerant	Tolerant and forgiving under provocation. <i>Tolerant of his opponent s opinions.</i>
unbigoted	Not opinionated.
ungrudging	Without envy or reluctance. <i>Ungrudging admiration.</i>
unprejudiced	Not having or showing a dislike or distrust based on fixed or preconceived ideas. <i>An unprejudiced appraisal of the pros and cons.</i>
unselfish	Disregarding your own advantages and welfare over those of others. <i>Unselfish devotion.</i>
unsparing	Not forbearing; ruthless. <i>He is unsparing in his criticism of the arms trade.</i>
unstinting	Given or giving without restraint; unsparing. <i>Called for unstinting aid to Britain.</i>
wide-ranging	Widely different.



Usage Examples of "Liberal" as an adjective

- A liberal backer of the arts.
- The provision of liberal adult education.
- Liberal amounts of wine had been consumed.
- They have liberal views on divorce.
- Sam was too liberal with the wine.
- They could have given the 1968 Act a more liberal interpretation.
- The strategy was to portray the press as members of a liberal elite.
- The Liberal leader.
- She is under attack from the right wing for making her own liberal political views known.
- A liberal newspaper.
- A liberal democratic state.



Associations of "Liberal" (30 Words)

- activism** A policy of taking direct action to achieve a political or social goal.
*Growing **activism** on the abortion issue.*
- activist** Advocating or engaged in activism.
*Police arrested three **activists**.*
- anarchist** A person who advocates or promotes anarchism or anarchy.
*An **anarchist** newspaper.*
- capitalist** Of or relating to capitalism or capitalists.
***Capitalist** countries.*
- communism** A theory or system of social organization in which all property is owned by the community and each person contributes and receives according to their ability and needs.
- communist** A member of the communist party.
***Communist** governments.*
- crusader** A person who campaigns vigorously for political, social, or religious change; a campaigner.
***Crusaders** for early detection and treatment of mental illnesses.*

decentralize	Move departments of (a large organization) away from a single administrative centre to other locations. <i>He argues that giant corporations must decentralize.</i>
democracy	A state governed under a system of democracy. <i>A system of parliamentary democracy.</i>
democratic	Belong to or relating to the Democratic Party. <i>A democratic country.</i>
equality	A symbolic expression of the fact that two quantities are equal; an equation. <i>An organization aiming to promote racial equality.</i>
feminism	The movement aimed at equal rights for women.
freely	Willingly and readily. <i>She drank freely to keep up her courage.</i>
ideology	A system of ideas and ideals, especially one which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy. <i>A critique of bourgeois ideology.</i>
legislator	A person who makes laws; a member of a legislative body. <i>24 incumbent legislators lost their seats.</i>
liberalist	A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.
libertarian	An advocate of libertarianism. <i>A lot of people are very libertarian they just haven't heard the term.</i>
matriarchy	The state of being an older, powerful woman in a family or group. <i>A matriarchy run by morally superior women.</i>
munificent	Characterized by or displaying great generosity. <i>A munificent bequest.</i>
organizational	Relating to an organization or the way it is set up. <i>She has great organizational skills.</i>
progressive	A progressive tense or aspect. <i>The present progressive.</i>
protest	Utter words of protest. <i>The senator rose to register his protest.</i>
radical	Markedly new or introducing radical change. <i>In the body free radicals are high energy particles that ricochet wildly and damage cells.</i>

reformist A person who advocates gradual reform rather than abolition or revolution.

*The **reformist** policies of the government.*

republic

A form of government whose head of state is not a monarch.

*The head of state in a **republic** is usually a president.*

socialist

Advocating or following the socialist principles.

*The history of **socialist** movement.*

suffragette

A woman seeking the right to vote through organized protest.

suffragist

A person advocating that the right to vote be extended to more people, especially to women.

unstinting

Given or giving without restraint; unsparing.

*He was **unstinting** in his praise.*

utopia

A work of fiction describing a utopia.

*Misplaced faith in political **utopias** has led to ruin.*

