

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)

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

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

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

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

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

