

Need another word that means the same as “oppression”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “oppression” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Oppression” are: oppressiveness, subjugation, persecution, abuse, maltreatment, ill treatment, tyranny, despotism, repression, suppression, subjection, enslavement, exploitation**

## Oppression as a Noun

### Definitions of "Oppression" as a noun

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

- *A feeling of being oppressed.*
- *The act of subjugating by cruelty.*
- *Mental pressure or distress.*
- *Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority.*
- *The state of being subject to oppressive treatment.*
- *The state of being kept down by unjust use of force or authority.*



## Synonyms of "Oppression" as a noun (13 Words)

<b>abuse</b>	Violent treatment involving sexual assault, especially on a regular basis. <i>Waving his fists and hurling <b>abuse</b> at the driver.</i>
<b>despotism</b>	A country or political system where the ruler holds absolute power. <i>Some nations are democracies others are <b>despotisms</b>.</i>
<b>enslavement</b>	The state of being a slave. <i>The <b>enslavement</b> of millions of Africans.</i>
<b>exploitation</b>	An act that exploits or victimizes someone (treats them unfairly). <i>The <b>exploitation</b> of migrant workers.</i>
<b>ill treatment</b>	An often persistent bodily disorder or disease; a cause for complaining.
<b>maltreatment</b>	Cruel or violent treatment of a person or animal; mistreatment. <i>16 per cent of children experience serious <b>maltreatment</b> at the hands of their parents.</i>
<b>oppressiveness</b>	Unwelcome burdensome difficulty.

- persecution** The act of persecuting (especially on the basis of race or religion).  
*His **persecution** at the hands of other students.*
- repression The classical defense mechanism that protects you from impulses or ideas that would cause anxiety by preventing them from becoming conscious.  
*Children and adults pay a heavy price for their deep **repression** of thoughts about death.*
- subjection** The action of subjecting a country or person to one's control, or the fact of being subjected.  
*The country's **subjection** to European colonialism.*
- subjugation Forced submission to control by others.  
*The colonial **subjugation** of a country by means of brute military force.*
- suppression** Prevention of electrical interference.  
*The **suppression** of heresy.*
- tyranny A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc).  
*The **tyranny** of her stepmother.*



## Usage Examples of "Oppression" as a noun

- *A region shattered by oppression and killing.*
- *The tyrant's oppression of the people.*
- *A response to collective poverty and oppression.*
- *After years of oppression they finally revolted.*
- *Beatrice's mood had initially been alarm and a sense of oppression.*



## Associations of "Oppression" (30 Words)

- autocracy** Domineering rule or control.  
*A boss who shifts between **autocracy** and consultation.*
- autocratic** Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty.  
*An **autocratic** person.*
- barbarism** Extreme cruelty or brutality.  
*She called the execution an act of **barbarism**.*

<b><u>cruelty</u></b>	The quality of being cruel and causing tension or annoyance. <i>She divorced my stepfather for persistent <b>cruelty</b>.</i>
<b>despot</b>	A ruler or other person who holds absolute power, typically one who exercises it in a cruel or oppressive way.
<b>despotism</b>	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc. <i>Some nations are democracies others are <b>despotisms</b>.</i>
<b>dictatorship</b>	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc. <i>The effects of forty years of <b>dictatorship</b>.</i>
<b>dominate</b>	Be the most important or conspicuous person or thing in. <i>The villa <b>dominates</b> the town.</i>
<b>fascism</b>	A political theory advocating an authoritarian hierarchical government (as opposed to democracy or liberalism. <i>This is yet another example of health <b>fascism</b> in action.</i>
<b>fascist</b>	An adherent of fascism or other authoritarian views. <i>He went to Spain to fight against the <b>fascists</b>.</i>
<b><u>ferocity</u></b>	The property of being wild or turbulent. <i>She hated him with a <b>ferocity</b> that astonished her.</i>
<b>hardship</b>	Something that causes or entails suffering- James Boswell. <i>A life of <b>hardship</b>.</i>
<b>heretical</b>	Holding an opinion at odds with what is generally accepted. <i><b>Heretical</b> beliefs.</i>
<b>inhumanity</b>	The quality of lacking compassion or consideration for others. <i>Man s <b>inhumanity</b> to man.</i>
<b>insensate</b>	Completely lacking sense or reason. <i>A patient who was permanently unconscious and <b>insensate</b>.</i>
<b>monocracy</b>	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.
<b><u>monopolize</u></b>	Get or keep exclusively to oneself. <i>Sophie <b>monopolized</b> the guest of honour for most of the evening.</i>
<b>persecution</b>	The act of persecuting (especially on the basis of race or religion). <i>Her family fled religious <b>persecution</b>.</i>
<b>perversity</b>	A deliberate desire to behave in an unreasonable or unacceptable way; contrariness. <i>The <b>perversity</b> of being able to carry a gun but not purchase a drink.</i>

- proletarian** A member of the proletariat.  
*A **proletarian** ideology.*
- repression** (psychiatry) the classical defense mechanism that protects you from impulses or ideas that would cause anxiety by preventing them from becoming conscious.  
*His goal was the **repression** of insolence.*
- ruthlessness** Mercilessness characterized by a lack of pity.  
*The real world **ruthlessness** of business.*
- savagery** The quality of being fierce or cruel.  
*A crime of the utmost **savagery**.*
- suffering** Psychological suffering.  
*His disregard for the **sufferings** of his fellow countrymen.*
- suppress** Prevent or inhibit (a process or reaction).  
***Suppress** a smile.*
- suppression** The absence or non-development of a part or organ that is normally present.  
*The heavy handed **suppression** of political dissent.*
- theocracy** The commonwealth of Israel from the time of Moses until the election of Saul as king.  
*His ambition is to lead a worldwide **theocracy**.*
- tyrannize** Rule a country as a tyrant.  
*He **tyrannizes** over the servants.*
- tyranny** A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc).  
*Refugees fleeing **tyranny** and oppression.*

