

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.

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





## 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)

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

<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>

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

