

Need another word that means the same as “repression”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “repression” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Repression” are: suppression, quelling, crushing, squashing, stamping out, oppression, subjugation, domination, tyranny, subjection, despotism, dictatorship, authoritarianism, restraint, holding back, keeping back, keeping in check, control, keeping under control, stifling, smothering, bottling up

Repression as a Noun

Definitions of "Repression" as a noun

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

- *A state of forcible subjugation.*
- *(psychiatry) the classical defense mechanism that protects you from impulses or ideas that would cause anxiety by preventing them from becoming conscious.*
- *The action or process of suppressing a thought or desire in oneself so that it remains unconscious.*
- *The restraint, prevention, or inhibition of a feeling, quality, etc.*
- *The action of subduing someone or something by force.*
- *The classical defense mechanism that protects you from impulses or ideas that would cause anxiety by preventing them from becoming conscious.*
- *The act of repressing; control by holding down.*



Synonyms of "Repression" as a noun (22 Words)

authoritarianism	A person who behaves in a tyrannical manner.
bottling up	A vessel fitted with a flexible teat and filled with milk or formula; used as a substitute for breast feeding infants and very young children.
control	A mechanism that controls the operation of a machine. <i>He had the chance to take the controls and fly the glider.</i>
crushing	Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority.
despotism	Dominance through threat of punishment and violence. <i>The ideology of enlightened despotism.</i>
dictatorship	A country governed by a dictator. <i>The effects of forty years of dictatorship.</i>
holding back	The act of retaining something.
keeping back	The financial means whereby one lives.

keeping in check	A cell in a jail or prison.
keeping under control	The main tower within the walls of a medieval castle or fortress.
<u>oppression</u>	Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority. <i>After years of oppression they finally revolted.</i>
quelling	Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority. <i>The quelling of the rebellion.</i>
restraint	A measure or condition that keeps someone or something under control. <i>Restraints imposed on imports.</i>
smothering	A stifling cloud of smoke.
squashing	Edible fruit of a squash plant; eaten as a vegetable.
stamping out	Machine consisting of a heavy bar that moves vertically for pounding or crushing ores.
<u>stifling</u>	Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority. <i>The stifling of all dissent.</i>
subjection	The action of subjecting a country or person to one's control, or the fact of being subjected. <i>The country's subjection to European colonialism.</i>
<u>subjugation</u>	Forced submission to control by others. <i>The colonial subjugation of a country by means of brute military force.</i>
suppression	The absence or non-development of a part or organ that is normally present. <i>The suppression of heresy.</i>
<u>tyranny</u>	(especially in ancient Greece) rule by one who has absolute power without legal right. <i>The tyranny of the nine to five day.</i>



Usage Examples of "Repression" as a noun

- *An extraordinary panoply of sexual repressions and desires.*
- *Students sparked off events that ended in brutal repression.*
- *The long repression of Christian sects.*
- *The repression of anger can be positively harmful.*
- *His goal was the repression of insolence.*
- *The tsarist repressions.*
- *Children and adults pay a heavy price for their deep repression of thoughts about death.*



Associations of “Repression” (30 Words)

barbarism	A word or expression which is badly formed according to traditional philological rules, e.g. a word formed from elements of different languages, such as breathalyser (English and Greek) or television (Greek and Latin). <i>The collapse of civilization and the return to barbarism.</i>
barbarous	Primitive in customs and culture. <i>A remote and barbarous country.</i>
bloodthirsty	Marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed. <i>A bloodthirsty occult movie.</i>
brutal	Disagreeably direct and precise. <i>A brutal winter.</i>
brutish	Resembling a beast; showing lack of human sensibility. <i>A dull and brutish man.</i>
conquistador	An adventurer (especially one who led the Spanish conquest of Mexico and Peru in the 16th century).
cruel	Spoil or ruin (an opportunity or a chance of success). <i>Cruel tortures.</i>
draconian	(of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of draconian laws.</i>
ferocious	Very great; extreme. <i>A ferocious headache.</i>

ferocity	The state or quality of being ferocious. <i>She hated him with a ferocity that astonished her.</i>
gory	Involving or showing violence and bloodshed. <i>A gory horror film.</i>
harsh	Severe. <i>Wild and harsh country full of hot sand and cactus.</i>
heinous	Extremely wicked, deeply criminal. <i>Heinous accusations.</i>
inhuman	Belonging to or resembling something nonhuman. <i>A babel of inhuman noises.</i>
inhumane	Without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel. <i>Biological weapons are considered too inhumane to be used.</i>
machiavellian	Of or relating to Machiavelli or the principles of conduct he recommended.
merciless	Having or showing no mercy. <i>A merciless attack with a blunt instrument.</i>
oppression	Mental pressure or distress. <i>A response to collective poverty and oppression.</i>
persecutor	A person who persecutes someone, especially for their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation or political beliefs. <i>He is badly scarred by his treatment at the hands of his persecutors.</i>
pitiless	Showing no pity; cruel. <i>A night of pitiless rain.</i>
rampage	Violently angry and destructive behavior. <i>Several thousand demonstrators rampaged through the city.</i>
remorseless	Without regret or guilt. <i>A monster of remorseless cruelty.</i>
restraint	The state of being physically constrained. <i>Car safety restraints.</i>
ruthless	Without mercy or pity. <i>A ruthless manipulator.</i>
sadistic	Deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others. <i>She took a sadistic pleasure in tormenting him.</i>
sanguinary	Marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed-G.W.Johnson. <i>They lost heavily in the sanguinary campaigns that followed.</i>
savage	A member of an uncivilized people. <i>A savage slap.</i>
truculence	Obstreperous and defiant aggressiveness.

