

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)

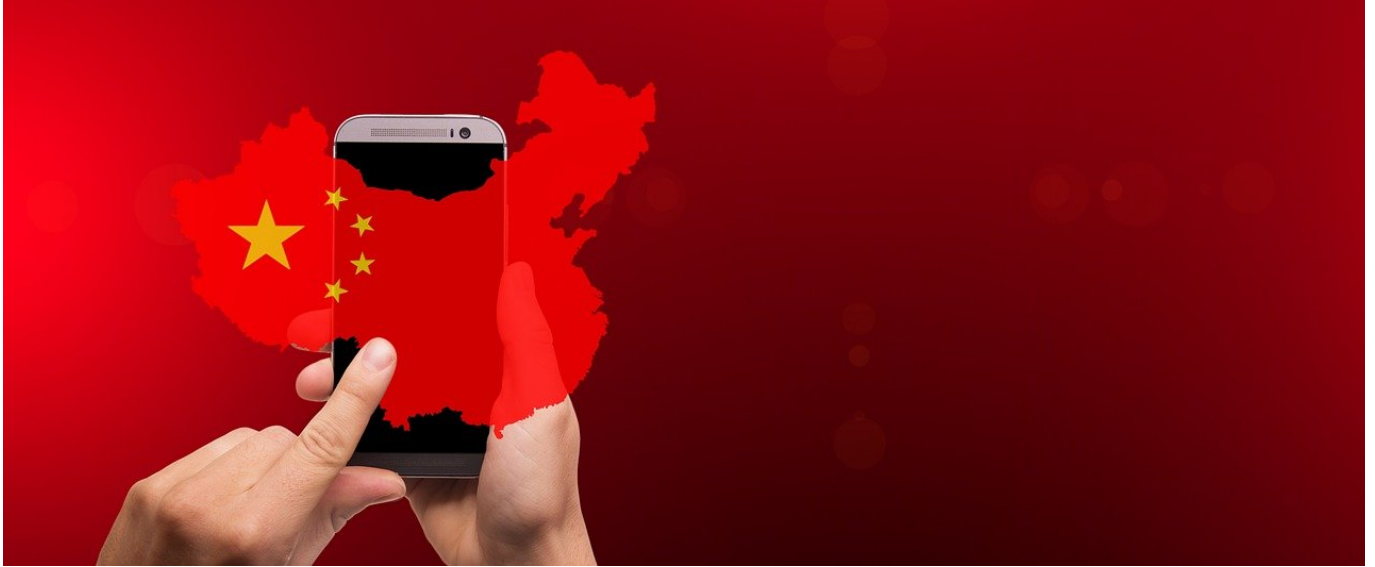
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| authoritarianism | A person who behaves in a tyrannical manner. |
| bottling up | A vessel fitted with a flexible teat and filled with milk or formula; used as a substitute for breast feeding infants and very young children. |
| control | A mechanism 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. |

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| 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)

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| 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> |

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| 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. |

