

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)

<b>authoritarianism</b>	A person who behaves in a tyrannical manner.
<b>bottling up</b>	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.
<b>control</b>	A mechanism that controls the operation of a machine. <i>He had the chance to take the <b>controls</b> and fly the glider.</i>
<b>crushing</b>	Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority.
<b>despotism</b>	Dominance through threat of punishment and violence. <i>The ideology of enlightened <b>despotism</b>.</i>
<b>dictatorship</b>	A country governed by a dictator. <i>The effects of forty years of <b>dictatorship</b>.</i>
<b>holding back</b>	The act of retaining something.
<b>keeping back</b>	The financial means whereby one lives.

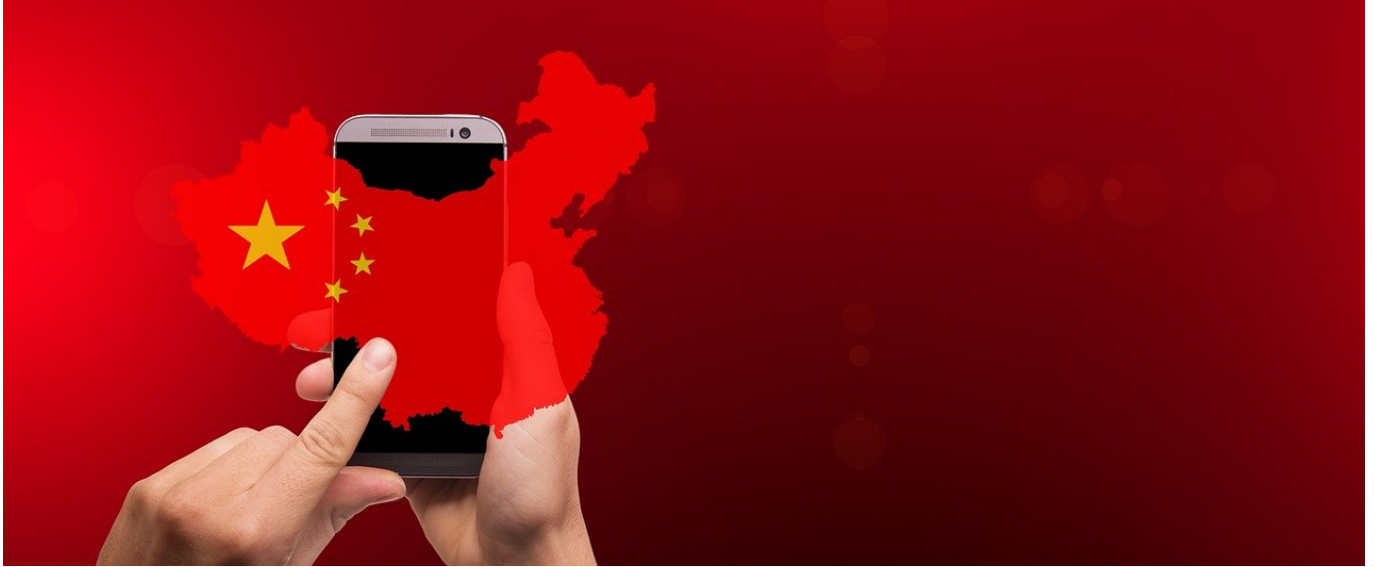
<b>keeping in check</b>	A cell in a jail or prison.
<b>keeping under control</b>	The main tower within the walls of a medieval castle or fortress.
<b><u>oppression</u></b>	Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority. <i>After years of <b>oppression</b> they finally revolted.</i>
<b>quelling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

<b>barbarism</b>	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 <b>barbarism</b>.</i>
<b>barbarous</b>	Primitive in customs and culture. <i>A remote and <b>barbarous</b> country.</i>
<b>bloodthirsty</b>	Marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed. <i>A <b>bloodthirsty</b> occult movie.</i>
<b>brutal</b>	Disagreeably direct and precise. <i>A <b>brutal</b> winter.</i>
<b>brutish</b>	Resembling a beast; showing lack of human sensibility. <i>A dull and <b>brutish</b> man.</i>
<b>conquistador</b>	An adventurer (especially one who led the Spanish conquest of Mexico and Peru in the 16th century).
<b>cruel</b>	Spoil or ruin (an opportunity or a chance of success). <i><b>Cruel</b> tortures.</i>
<b>draconian</b>	(of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of <b>draconian</b> laws.</i>
<b>ferocious</b>	Very great; extreme. <i>A <b>ferocious</b> headache.</i>

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

