

Need another word that means the same as “scandalous”? Find 35 synonyms for “scandalous” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Scandalous” are: disgraceful, shameful, shocking, discreditable, disreputable, dishonourable, improper, unseemly, sordid, scurrilous, malicious, slanderous, libellous, defamatory, outrageous, monstrous, criminal, wicked, sinful, atrocious, appalling, terrible, dreadful, disgusting, abhorrent, despicable, deplorable, reprehensible, obscene, iniquitous, inexcusable, intolerable, insupportable, unforgivable, unpardonable**

## Scandalous as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Scandalous" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “scandalous” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation.*
- *(of a state of affairs) disgracefully bad.*
- *Causing general public outrage by a perceived offence against morality or law.*
- *Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray.*

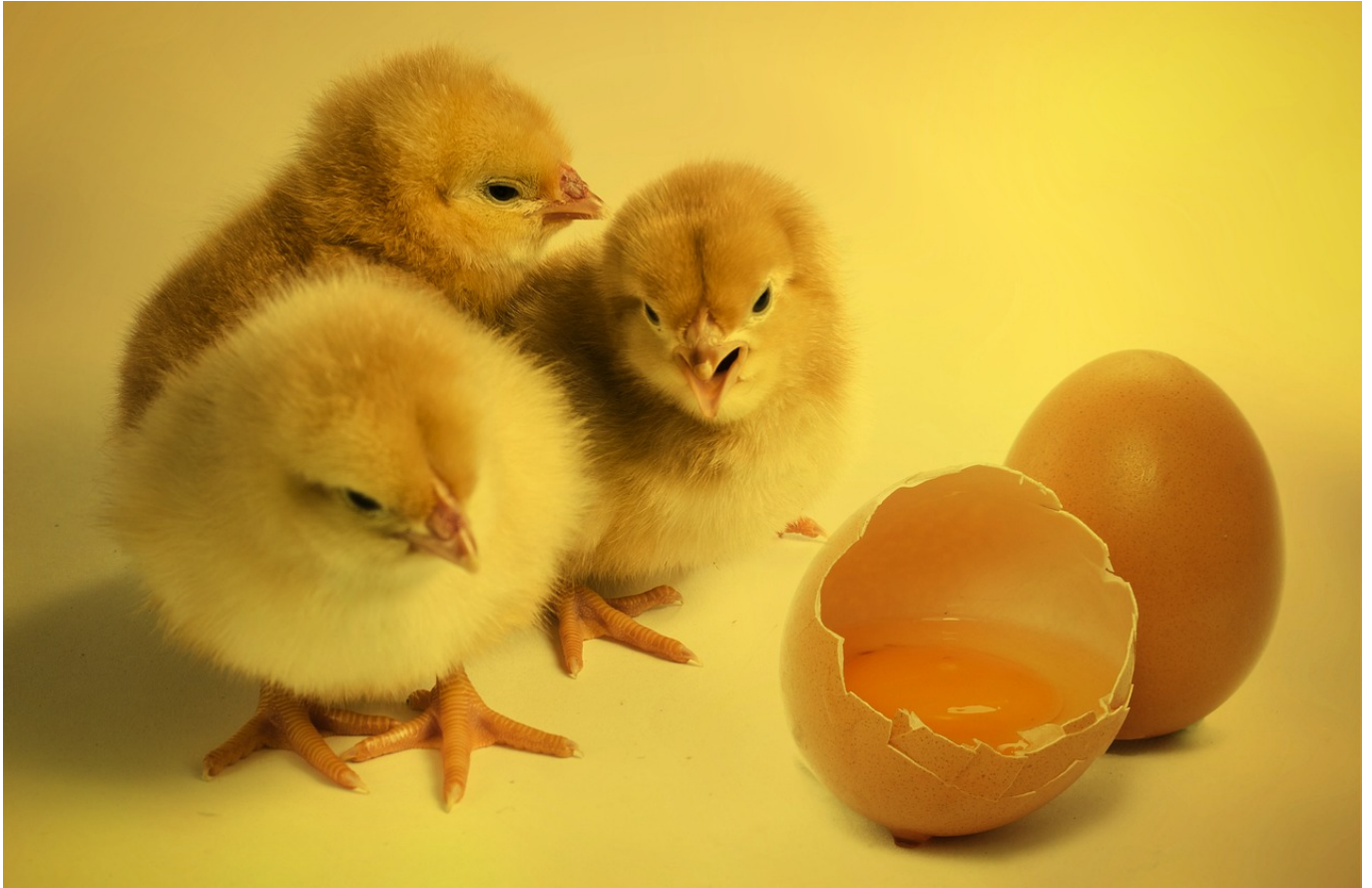


## Synonyms of "Scandalous" as an adjective (35 Words)

<b><u>abhorrent</u></b>	Inspiring disgust and loathing; repugnant. <i>Racism was <b>abhorrent</b> to us all.</i>
<b><u>appalling</u></b>	Causing shock or dismay; horrific. <i><b>Appalling</b> conditions.</i>
<b><u>atrocious</u></b>	Provoking horror. <i><b>Atrocious</b> taste.</i>
<b>criminal</b>	Relating to crime as opposed to civil matters. <i>A <b>criminal</b> offense.</i>
<b>defamatory</b>	(of remarks, writing, etc.) damaging the good reputation of someone; slanderous or libellous. <i>A <b>defamatory</b> allegation.</i>
<b>deplorable</b>	Deserving strong condemnation; completely unacceptable. <i>My finances were in a <b>deplorable</b> state.</i>

<b>despicable</b>	Deserving hatred and contempt. <i>Would do something as <b>despicable</b> as murder.</i>
<b>discreditable</b>	Tending to bring discredit or disrepute; blameworthy. <i>Allegations of <b>discreditable</b> conduct.</i>
<b><u>disgraceful</u></b>	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation. <i>It is <b>disgraceful</b> that they should be denied unemployment benefits.</i>
<b>disgusting</b>	Arousing revulsion or strong indignation. <i>I think the decision is <b>disgusting</b>.</i>
<b>dishonourable</b>	Lacking honor or integrity; deserving dishonor. <i>His crimes are petty and <b>dishonourable</b>.</i>
<b>disreputable</b>	Not considered to be respectable in character or appearance. <i>He was heavy grubby and vaguely <b>disreputable</b>.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Extremely disagreeable and unpleasant. <i><b>Dreadful</b> manners.</i>
<b><u>improper</u></b>	Lacking in modesty or decency. <i><b>Improper</b> banking practices.</i>
<b>inexcusable</b>	Not excusable. <i>Matt s behaviour was <b>inexcusable</b>.</i>
<b>iniquitous</b>	Grossly unfair and morally wrong. <i>An <b>iniquitous</b> tax.</i>
<b>insupportable</b>	Unable to be supported or justified. <i>He had arrived at a wholly <b>insupportable</b> conclusion.</i>
<b>intolerable</b>	Unable to be endured. <i>An <b>intolerable</b> degree of sentimentality.</i>
<b>libellous</b>	Containing or constituting a libel. <i>A <b>libellous</b> newspaper story.</i>
<b><u>malicious</u></b>	Having the nature of or resulting from malice- Rudyard Kipling. <i><b>Malicious</b> gossip.</i>
<b>monstrous</b>	Inhumanly or outrageously evil or wrong. <i>He wasn t lovable he was <b>monstrous</b> and violent.</i>
<b>obscene</b>	Offending against moral principles; repugnant. <i><b>Obscene</b> telephone calls.</i>
<b><u>outrageous</u></b>	Shockingly bad or excessive. <i>The <b>outrageous</b> claims made by the previous government.</i>
<b><u>reprehensible</u></b>	Deserving censure or condemnation. <i>His complacency and <b>reprehensible</b> laxity.</i>

<b>scurrilous</b>	Making or spreading scandalous claims about someone with the intention of damaging their reputation. <i>A very funny collection of bawdy and <b>scurrilous</b> writings.</i>
<b>shameful</b>	Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson. <i>The wicked rascally <b>shameful</b> conduct of the bankrupt.</i>
<b>shocking</b>	Glaringly vivid and graphic; marked by sensationalism. <i>I ve got a <b>shocking</b> cold.</i>
<b>sinful</b>	Wicked and immoral; committing or characterized by the committing of sins. <i>He said it was <b>sinful</b> to wear lipstick.</i>
<b>slanderous</b>	Harmful and often untrue; tending to discredit or malign. <i><b>Slanderous</b> allegations.</i>
<b>sordid</b>	Morally degraded. <i>The story paints a <b>sordid</b> picture of bribes and scams.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>A <b>terrible</b> curse.</i>
<b>unforgivable</b>	Not excusable. <i>Losing your temper with him was <b>unforgivable</b>.</i>
<b>unpardonable</b>	Not admitting of pardon. <i><b>Unpardonable</b> behavior.</i>
<b>unseemly</b>	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i>An <b>unseemly</b> squabble.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Evil or morally wrong. <i>A <b>wicked</b> prank.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Scandalous" as an adjective

- *A series of scandalous liaisons.*
- *A scandalous waste of ratepayers' money.*
- *A scandalous allegation.*
- *Scandalous behavior.*

