

Need another word that means the same as “subversive”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “subversive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Subversive” are: insurgent, seditious, disruptive, inflammatory, insurrectionary, agitational, rabble-rousing, revolutionary, revolutionist, subverter, troublemaker, dissident, agitator, disruptor, insurrectionist, renegade, rebel, mutineer, traitor

Subversive as a Noun

Definitions of "Subversive" as a noun

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

- *A subversive person.*
- *A radical supporter of political or social revolution.*

Synonyms of "Subversive" as a noun (13 Words)

agitator	One who agitates; a political troublemaker. <i>A political agitator.</i>
disruptor	A company or form of technology that causes radical change in an existing industry or market by means of innovation. <i>Mobile technology is the top digital disruptor in business today.</i>

<u>dissident</u>	A person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state. <i>A dissident who had been jailed by a military regime.</i>
insurgent	A person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary. <i>An attack by armed insurgents.</i>
insurrectionist	A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority (especially in the hope of improving conditions).
mutineer	Someone who is openly rebellious and refuses to obey authorities (especially seamen or soldiers). <i>Those who resisted were denounced as mutineers and treated accordingly.</i>
<u>rebel</u>	A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority especially in the hope of improving conditions. <i>Tory rebels.</i>
<u>renegade</u>	A person who deserts and betrays an organization, country, or set of principles. <i>An agent who later turns out to be a renegade.</i>
<u>revolutionary</u>	A radical supporter of political or social revolution.
revolutionist	A radical supporter of political or social revolution.
subverter	A radical supporter of political or social revolution.
<u>traitor</u>	A person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle. <i>He was a traitor to his own class.</i>
<u>troublemaker</u>	Someone who deliberately stirs up trouble.

Usage Examples of "Subversive" as a noun

- *The government claimed we were subversives or terrorists.*

Subversive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Subversive" as an adjective

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

- *In opposition to a civil authority or government.*

- *Seeking or intended to subvert an established system or institution.*

Synonyms of "Subversive" as an adjective (7 Words)

agitational	Relating to or involving public demonstrations. <i>Even in these days of mass communication theatre retains its agitational power.</i>
disruptive	(of a company or form of technology) causing radical change in an existing industry or market through being innovative. <i>Breaking a disruptive technology into the market is never easy.</i>
inflammatory	Characterized or caused by inflammation. <i>An inflammatory process.</i>
insurgent	Relating to rebels. <i>A series of insurgent attacks.</i>
insurrectionary	Of or relating to or given to insurrection.
rabble-rousing	Arousing to action or rebellion.
seditious	Inciting or causing people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch. <i>The letter was declared seditious.</i>

Usage Examples of "Subversive" as an adjective

- *Subversive literature.*

Associations of "Subversive" (30 Words)

<u>collective</u>	A collective farm. <i>The anarchist collective and bookshop.</i>
<u>communist</u>	A member of the communist party. <i>Communist governments.</i>
<u>coup</u>	A sudden and decisive change of government illegally or by force. <i>He was overthrown in an army coup.</i>
<u>decree</u>	Order something by decree. <i>Presidential decrees.</i>
demagogue	Rhetorically exploit (an issue) for political purposes in a way calculated to appeal to the desires and prejudices of ordinary people. <i>A gifted demagogue with particular skill in manipulating the press.</i>

<u>disloyal</u>	(of a remark or thought) demonstrating a lack of loyalty. <i>Disloyal aides revealed his indiscretions to the papers.</i>
<u>firebrand</u>	A piece of burning wood. <i>A political firebrand.</i>
incendiary	An incendiary bomb or device. <i>Every bard was regarded as an incendiary.</i>
inflammatory	Characterized or caused by inflammation. <i>Inflammatory remarks.</i>
insurgent	Relating to rebels. <i>Alleged links with insurgent groups.</i>
libertarian	An advocate of libertarianism. <i>A lot of people are very libertarian they just haven't heard the term.</i>
nationalist	Relating to nationalists or nationalism. <i>He was a staunch nationalist during his 22 years in power.</i>
nationalize	Transfer (a major branch of industry or commerce) from private to state ownership or control. <i>In the 13th and 14th centuries church designs were further nationalized.</i>
nihilist	A person who believes that life is meaningless and rejects all religious and moral principles. <i>It is impossible to argue against a nihilist.</i>
<u>overthrow</u>	A score made because the ball has been overthrown. <i>Their subversive activities are calculated to overthrow parliamentary democracy.</i>
political	Relating to the government or public affairs of a country. <i>I'm not very political.</i>
<u>politician</u>	A person who is professionally involved in politics, especially as a holder of an elected office. <i>A local politician.</i>
privatize	Transfer (a business, industry, or service) from public to private ownership and control. <i>They were opposed to plans to privatize electricity and water.</i>
<u>proletariat</u>	The lowest class of citizens in ancient Rome. <i>The growth of the industrial proletariat.</i>
<u>protest</u>	The act of protesting a public often organized manifestation of dissent. <i>The workers were protesting economic measures enacted a week earlier.</i>
<u>provocative</u>	Intended or intending to arouse sexual desire or interest. <i>A provocative article.</i>

<u>radical</u>	A person who has radical ideas or opinions. <i>In the body free radicals are high energy particles that ricochet wildly and damage cells.</i>
<u>rebel</u>	Take part in a rebellion renounce a former allegiance. <i>Tory rebels.</i>
<u>revolt</u>	Feel disgust. <i>The peasants rose in revolt.</i>
<u>revolutionary</u>	Relating to a particular revolution, especially the War of American Independence. <i>A revolutionary discovery.</i>
<u>seditionous</u>	Inciting or causing people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch. <i>The letter was declared seditionous.</i>
<u>socialist</u>	Advocating or following the socialist principles. <i>Socialistic government.</i>
<u>traitor</u>	Someone who betrays his country by committing treason. <i>He was a traitor to his own class.</i>
<u>treason</u>	The crime of murdering someone to whom the murderer owed allegiance, such as a master or husband. <i>Doubt is the ultimate treason against faith.</i>
<u>utopia</u>	A work of fiction describing a utopia. <i>Misplaced faith in political utopias has led to ruin.</i>