

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)

<b>agitator</b>	One who agitates; a political troublemaker. <i>A political <b>agitator</b>.</i>
<b>disruptor</b>	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 <b>disruptor</b> in business today.</i>

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

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

## Usage Examples of "Subversive" as an adjective

- *Subversive literature.*

## Associations of "Subversive" (30 Words)

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

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

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