

Need another word that means the same as “subvert”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “subvert” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Subvert” are: corrupt, debase, debauch, demoralise, demoralize, deprave, misdirect, pervert, profane, vitiate, bring down, overthrow, overturn, counteract, countermine, sabotage, undermine, weaken, destabilize, unsettle, warp, defile, distort, contaminate, poison, embitter

Subvert as a Verb

Definitions of "Subvert" as a verb

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

- *Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.*
- *Destroy completely.*
- *Destroy property or hinder normal operations.*
- *Cause the downfall of; of rulers.*
- *Undermine the power and authority of (an established system or institution).*

Synonyms of "Subvert" as a verb (26 Words)

bring down	Bring into a different state.
contaminate	Make radioactive by adding radioactive material. <i>Don t drink the water it s contaminated.</i>
corrupt	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>The corrupting smell of death.</i>

counteract	Oppose or check by a counteraction. <i>This will counteract the foolish actions of my colleagues.</i>
countermine	Dig a countermine against. <i>We countermined the banks of the river.</i>
debase	Corrupt debase or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>War debases people.</i>
debauch	Seduce (a woman). <i>Debauch the young people with wine and women.</i>
<u>defile</u>	Desecrate or profane (something sacred). <i>He took her behind the building and defiled her.</i>
demoralise	Lower someone's spirits; make downhearted.
demoralize	Corrupt the morals of (someone). <i>The bad state of her child s health demoralizes her.</i>
deprave	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>This book would deprave and corrupt young children.</i>
destabilize	Upset the stability of (a region or system); cause unrest or instability in. <i>The accused were charged with conspiracy to destabilize the country.</i>
<u>distort</u>	Form into a spiral shape. <i>You re distorting the sound by overdriving the amp.</i>
embitter	Make (someone) feel bitter or resentful. <i>These injustices embittered her even more.</i>
misdirect	Direct to the wrong place or in the wrong direction. <i>Voters were misdirected to the wrong polling station.</i>
<u>overthrow</u>	Rule against. <i>He grips the ball too tight and overthrows it.</i>
<u>overturn</u>	Cause to overturn from an upright or normal position. <i>The big vase overturned.</i>
<u>pervert</u>	Practice sophistry; change the meaning of or be vague about in order to mislead or deceive. <i>He was charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice.</i>
poison	Administer poison to. <i>The bombings poisoned the political atmosphere and deepened the social divide.</i>
<u>profane</u>	Violate the sacred character of a place or language. <i>Profane the name of God.</i>

sabotage	Deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage. <i>The Resistance sabotaged railroad operations during the war.</i>
undermine	Erode the base or foundation of (a rock formation). <i>The flow of water had undermined pillars supporting the roof.</i>
unsettle	Disturb the composure of. <i>The crisis has unsettled financial markets.</i>
vitiate	Spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of. <i>Development programmes have been vitiated by the rise in population.</i>
warp	In weaving arrange yarn so as to form the warp of a piece of cloth. <i>Your judgement has been warped by your obvious dislike of him.</i>
weaken	Lessen the strength of. <i>The fever weakened his body.</i>

Usage Examples of "Subvert" as a verb

- *We must not let our civil liberties be subverted by the current crisis.*
- *An attempt to subvert democratic government.*
- *Do school counselors subvert young children?*
- *Subvert the ruling class.*

Associations of "Subvert" (30 Words)

banish	Drive away. <i>A number of people were banished to Siberia for political crimes.</i>
communism	A form of socialism that abolishes private ownership.
converse	Of words so related that one reverses the relation denoted by the other. <i>His converse at such seasons was always elevating.</i>
counteract	Oppose or check by a counteraction. <i>Should we deliberately intervene in the climate system to counteract global warming.</i>
coup	A sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government. <i>He was overthrown in an army coup.</i>
crusader	A fighter in the medieval Crusades. <i>Crusaders for early detection and treatment of mental illnesses.</i>
defeat	An instance of defeating or being defeated. <i>A 1 0 defeat by Grimsby.</i>

depose	Force to leave (an office). <i>Every affidavit shall state which of the facts deposed to are within the deponent's knowledge.</i>
destabilize	Make unstable. <i>The discovery of an affair can destabilize a relationship.</i>
diametrical	(of opposites) complete; absolute. <i>Diametrical or opposite points of view.</i>
enfeeble	Make weak. <i>The breakdown in law and order enfeebled the government's authority.</i>
fend	Withstand the force of something. <i>The mountain climbers had to fend against the ice and snow.</i>
french	United States sculptor who created the seated marble figure of Abraham Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. (1850-1931).
junta	A military or political group that rules a country after taking power by force. <i>The country's ruling military junta.</i>
outbreak	A sudden violent spontaneous occurrence (usually of some undesirable condition). <i>The outbreak of hostilities.</i>
overthrow	A score made because the ball has been overthrown. <i>His throw missed the stumps and went for four overthrows.</i>
overturn	An act of overturning something. <i>The crowd proceeded to overturn cars and set them on fire.</i>
reversal	An unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; something that is thwarting or frustrating. <i>A black and white reversal kit.</i>
reverse	The gears by which the motion of a machine can be reversed. <i>A knob to lock the box in four wheel drive for reverse.</i>
revolt	Organized opposition to authority; a conflict in which one faction tries to wrest control from another. <i>The Icenis revolted and had to be suppressed.</i>
revolution	A drastic and far-reaching change in ways of thinking and behaving. <i>One revolution a second.</i>
revolutionary	A radical supporter of political or social revolution. <i>A revolutionary discovery.</i>
revolutionize	Change radically. <i>E mail revolutionized communication in academe.</i>

setback	A plain, flat offset in a wall. <i>A serious setback for the peace process.</i>
<u>spin</u>	Cause to spin. <i>The President's spokesmen had to spin the story to make it less embarrassing.</i>
takeover	An act of assuming control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another. <i>A company threatened with takeover.</i>
turn	Cause to change or turn into something different assume new characteristics. <i>Cover potatoes with sacking to keep the light from turning them green.</i>
undermine	Erode the base or foundation of (a rock formation). <i>This could undermine years of hard work.</i>
upset	The act of upsetting something. <i>A legal dispute will cause worry and upset.</i>
<u>usurp</u>	Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force; take as one's right or possession. <i>The Hanoverian dynasty had usurped the Stuarts.</i>