

Need another word that means the same as “tyrannical”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “tyrannical” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tyrannical” are: authoritarian, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannic, oppressive, tyrannous, repressive, fascistic, absolute, totalitarian, arbitrary, undemocratic, illiberal

Tyrannical as an Adjective

Definitions of "Tyrannical" as an adjective

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

- *Characteristic of tyranny; oppressive and controlling.*
- *Exercising power in a cruel or arbitrary way.*
- *Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty.*
- *Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior.*

Synonyms of "Tyrannical" as an adjective (14 Words)

absolute	(of a decree) final. <i>Absolute loyalty.</i>
arbitrary	(of a constant or other quantity) of unspecified value. <i>An arbitrary choice.</i>
authoritarian	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>He had an authoritarian and at times belligerent manner.</i>

autocratic	Relating to a ruler who has absolute power. <i>An autocratic person.</i>
despotic	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>Despotic rulers.</i>
dictatorial	Expecting unquestioning obedience. <i>A dictatorial regime.</i>
fascistic	Having or relating to extreme right-wing, authoritarian, or intolerant views or practices. <i>Religious nationalism can lead to fascistic tendencies.</i>
illiberal	Opposed to liberal principles; restricting freedom of thought or behaviour. <i>Illiberal and anti democratic policies.</i>
<u>oppressive</u>	Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior. <i>Oppressive sorrows.</i>
repressive	Inhibiting or preventing the expression or awareness of thoughts or desires. <i>A repressive regime.</i>
totalitarian	Of or relating to the principles of totalitarianism according to which the state regulates every realm of life. <i>A totalitarian regime.</i>
tyrannic	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>A tyrannical government.</i>
tyrannous	Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior. <i>They would welcome liberation from their tyrannous oppressor.</i>
<u>undemocratic</u>	Not in agreement with or according to democratic doctrine or practice or ideals. <i>An undemocratic regime.</i>

Usage Examples of "Tyrannical" as an adjective

- *A momentary quieting of her tyrannical appetite.*
- *A tyrannical parent.*
- *A tyrannical government.*

Associations of "Tyrannical" (30 Words)

assertive	Aggressively self-assured. <i>Pointing directly at a listener is an assertive act.</i>
authoritarian	An authoritarian person. <i>The transition from an authoritarian to a democratic regime.</i>
authorities	The organization that is the governing authority of a political unit. <i>The matter was referred to higher authorities.</i>
autocratic	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>An autocratic person.</i>
bureaucratic	Over-concerned with procedure at the expense of efficiency or common sense. <i>The scheme is overly bureaucratic and complex.</i>
cavalier	Showing a lack of proper concern; offhand. <i>Anne was irritated by his cavalier attitude.</i>
coercive	Serving or intended to coerce. <i>Authority is directional instead of coercive.</i>
commanding	(in military contexts) having a position of authority. <i>A commanding view of the ocean.</i>
controlling	Able to control or determine policy. <i>A controlling interest in the firm.</i>
despotic	Ruled by or characteristic of a despot. <i>A despotic regime.</i>
despotism	Dominance through threat of punishment and violence. <i>Some nations are democracies others are despotisms.</i>
dictator	A person who behaves in a tyrannical manner. <i>My boss is a dictator who makes everyone work overtime.</i>
dictatorial	Of or characteristic of a dictator. <i>A dictatorial regime.</i>
dictatorship	Absolute authority in any sphere. <i>The effects of forty years of dictatorship.</i>
dominant	A dominant species in a plant or animal community. <i>Red spruce is a dominant species in many types of forest.</i>
domineering	Asserting one's will over another in an arrogant way. <i>How can I do my job with a domineering boss yelling in my ear.</i>
fascism	(in general use) extreme authoritarian, oppressive, or intolerant views or practices. <i>This is yet another example of health fascism in action.</i>

forceful	Forceful and definite in expression or action. <i>A forceful plan for peace.</i>
haughty	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>A look of haughty disdain.</i>
imperative	Relating to verbs in the imperative mood. <i>It is imperative that standards are maintained.</i>
imperious	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>His imperious demands.</i>
magisterial	Of or relating to a magistrate. <i>Magisterial districts.</i>
misrule	The unfair or inefficient conduct of the affairs of a country or state. <i>He misruled his country for fourteen years.</i>
monocracy	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.
oligarchy	Government by an oligarchy. <i>One of his cardinal convictions was that Britain was not run as a democracy but as an oligarchy.</i>
oppressive	Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior. <i>The day was sunless and oppressive.</i>
overbearing	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>An overbearing ill tempered brute.</i>
peremptory	Putting an end to all debate or action. <i>Peremptory commands.</i>
regime	A coordinated programme for the promotion or restoration of health a regimen. <i>A low calorie low fat regime.</i>
sovereign	Possessing supreme or ultimate power. <i>In modern democracies the people s will is in theory sovereign.</i>