

Need another word that means the same as “tyranny”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “tyranny” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tyranny” are: absolutism, authoritarianism, caesarism, despotism, dictatorship, monarchy, one-man rule, shogunate, stalinism, totalitarianism, absolute power, autocracy, undemocratic rule, reign of terror, fascism

Tyranny as a Noun

Definitions of "Tyranny" as a noun

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

- *A state under cruel and oppressive government.*
- *Dominance through threat of punishment and violence.*
- *A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.*
- *(especially in ancient Greece) rule by one who has absolute power without legal right.*
- *Cruel and oppressive government or rule.*
- *Cruel, unreasonable, or arbitrary use of power or control.*



Synonyms of "Tyranny" as a noun (15 Words)

absolute power	Something that is conceived or that exists independently and not in relation to other things; something that does not depend on anything else and is beyond human control; something that is not relative.
absolutism	The holding of absolute principles in political, philosophical, or theological matters.
authoritarianism	The enforcement or advocacy of strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom.
<u>autocracy</u>	A political theory favoring unlimited authority by a single individual. <i>The Grand Duchy of Tuscany was an autocracy.</i>
caesarism	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.
despotism	A country or political system where the ruler holds absolute power. <i>The ideology of enlightened despotism.</i>

dictatorship	Absolute authority in any sphere. <i>The effects of forty years of dictatorship.</i>
fascism	An authoritarian and nationalistic right-wing system of government and social organization. <i>This is yet another example of health fascism in action.</i>
monocracy	A system of government by one person only.
one-man rule	A principle or condition that customarily governs behavior.
reign of terror	A period during which something or somebody is dominant or powerful.
shogunate	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.
stalinism	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.
totalitarianism	A system of government that is centralized and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state. <i>Democratic countries were fighting against totalitarianism.</i>
undemocratic rule	A standard procedure for solving a class of mathematical problems.

Usage Examples of "Tyranny" as a noun

- *The tyranny of the nine-to-five day.*
- *Refugees fleeing tyranny and oppression.*
- *The tyranny of her stepmother.*

Associations of "Tyranny" (30 Words)

autocracy	A state or society governed by one person with absolute power. <i>A boss who shifts between autocracy and consultation.</i>
autocrat	A cruel and oppressive dictator. <i>Like many autocrats Franco found the exercise of absolute power addictive.</i>
autocratic	Taking no account of other people's wishes or opinions; domineering. Autocratic behavior.
barbarism	A word or expression which is badly formed according to traditional philological rules, e.g. a word formed from elements of different languages, such as breathalyser (English and Greek) or television (Greek and Latin). <i>The collapse of civilization and the return to barbarism.</i>

<u>cruelty</u>	A cruel act; a deliberate infliction of pain and suffering. <i>She divorced my stepfather for persistent cruelty.</i>
despot	A cruel and oppressive dictator.
despotism	A country or political system where the ruler holds absolute power. <i>The ideology of enlightened despotism.</i>
dictator	A speaker who dictates to a secretary or a recording machine. <i>My boss is a dictator who makes everyone work overtime.</i>
dictatorship	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc). <i>The effects of forty years of dictatorship.</i>
dominate	Have a commanding position over; overlook. <i>The villa dominates the town.</i>
fascism	An authoritarian and nationalistic right-wing system of government and social organization. <i>This is yet another example of health fascism in action.</i>
fascist	An adherent of fascism or other right-wing authoritarian views. <i>Eastern European fascists could win power only with support from the Nazis.</i>
<u>ferocity</u>	The state or quality of being ferocious. <i>The ferocity of the storm caught them by surprise.</i>
inhumanity	An act of atrocious cruelty. <i>Man s inhumanity to man.</i>
monocracy	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc).
<u>monopolize</u>	Have or take the greatest share of. <i>He monopolizes the laser printer.</i>
<u>oppression</u>	Mental pressure or distress. <i>The tyrant s oppression of the people.</i>
persecution	Persistent annoyance or harassment. <i>His persecution at the hands of other students.</i>
perversity	The quality of being sexually perverted. <i>They responded with typical perversity.</i>
proletarian	A member of the working class (not necessarily employed). <i>They are true proletarians.</i>
<u>ruler</u>	A person who rules or commands.
ruthlessness	Mercilessness characterized by a lack of pity. <i>The real world ruthlessness of business.</i>

savagery	(chiefly in historical or literary contexts) the condition of being primitive or uncivilized. <i>Without adult society the children descend into savagery.</i>
suppress	Forcibly put an end to. <i>The report had been suppressed.</i>
suppression	The cancelling of the effect of one mutation by a second mutation. <i>A suppression of the newspaper.</i>
theocracy	The belief in government by divine guidance. <i>It is a society just emerging from theocracy.</i>
totalitarianism	The principle of complete and unrestricted power in government. <i>Democratic countries were fighting against totalitarianism.</i>
tyrannize	Rule or treat (someone) despotically or cruelly. <i>She tyrannized her family.</i>
tyrant	A tyrant flycatcher. <i>His father was a tyrant.</i>