

Need another word that means the same as “untenable”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “untenable” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Untenable” are: indefensible, undefendable, unarguable, insupportable, refutable, unsustainable, unjustified, unwarranted, unjustifiable, inadmissible, unsound, flimsy, weak, shaky, flawed, defective, faulty, implausible, specious, groundless, unfounded, baseless, invalid, absurd, illogical, irrational, preposterous, senseless, unacceptable

## Untenable as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Untenable" as an adjective

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

- *Incapable of being defended or justified.*
- *(especially of a position or view) not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.*
- *(of theories etc) incapable of being defended or justified.*

### Synonyms of "Untenable" as an adjective (29 Words)

<b>absurd</b>	Inconsistent with reason or logic or common sense- Walter Lippman. <i>It may look <b>absurd</b> but having a treadmill desk could improve your attention span.</i>
<b>baseless</b>	Without foundation in fact. <i><b>Baseless</b> gossip.</i>

<b><u>defective</u></b>	(of a word) not having all the inflections normal for the part of speech. <i>Dystrophin is commonly <b>defective</b> in muscle tissue.</i>
<b><u>faulty</u></b>	Having a defect. <i><b>Faulty</b> logic.</i>
<b><u>flawed</u></b>	Having a blemish or flaw. <i>A fatally <b>flawed</b> strategy.</i>
<b>flimsy</b>	Not convincing. <i>A <b>flimsy</b> argument.</i>
<b>groundless</b>	Not based on any good reason. <i>Your fears are quite <b>groundless</b>.</i>
<b>illogical</b>	Lacking in correct logical relation. <i>An <b>illogical</b> fear of the supernatural.</i>
<b>implausible</b>	Highly imaginative but unlikely. <i>This is a blatantly <b>implausible</b> claim.</i>
<b>inadmissible</b>	Not deserving to be admitted. <i><b>Inadmissible</b> evidence.</i>
<b>indefensible</b>	(of theories etc) incapable of being defended or justified. <i>This behaviour is morally <b>indefensible</b>.</i>
<b>insupportable</b>	Unable to be supported or justified. <i>He had arrived at a wholly <b>insupportable</b> conclusion.</i>
<b><u>invalid</u></b>	No longer valid. <i>An <b>invalid</b> driver's license.</i>
<b><u>irrational</u></b>	Of a number quantity or expression not expressible as a ratio of two integers and having an infinite and non recurring expansion when expressed as a decimal Examples of irrational numbers are the number and the square root of 2. <i><b>Irrational</b> fears.</i>
<b>preposterous</b>	Contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous. <i>A <b>preposterous</b> suggestion.</i>
<b>refutable</b>	Able to be refuted.
<b>senseless</b>	(especially of violent or wasteful action) without discernible meaning or purpose. <i>A <b>senseless</b> act.</i>
<b><u>shaky</u></b>	Shaking or trembling. <i>A wobbly chair with <b>shaky</b> legs.</i>
<b>specious</b>	Misleading in appearance, especially misleadingly attractive. <i>A <b>specious</b> argument.</i>

<b>unacceptable</b>	(used of persons or their behavior) not acceptable or reasonable. <i>The coach told his players that defeat was <b>unacceptable</b>.</i>
<b>unarguable</b>	Not open to disagreement; indisputable. <i><b>Unarguable</b> proof of conspiracy.</i>
<b>undefendable</b>	Not able to be protected against attack. <i>This border is <b>undefendable</b>.</i>
<b><u>unfounded</u></b>	Without a basis in reason or fact. <i><b>Unfounded</b> suspicions.</i>
<b><u>unjustifiable</u></b>	Not able to be shown to be right or reasonable. <i>An <b>unjustifiable</b> restriction on their freedom.</i>
<b><u>unjustified</u></b>	(of printed text) not justified. <i><b>Unjustified</b> price increases.</i>
<b><u>unsound</u></b>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i><b>Unsound</b> teeth.</i>
<b><u>unsustainable</u></b>	Upsetting the ecological balance by depleting natural resources. <i>Both remarks are <b>unsustainable</b>.</i>
<b><u>unwarranted</u></b>	Not justified or authorized. <i><b>Unwarranted</b> jealousy.</i>
<b><u>weak</u></b>	Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>A <b>weak</b> magnetic field.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Untenable" as an adjective

- *This argument is clearly untenable.*

## Associations of "Untenable" (30 Words)

<b>absurd</b>	An absurd state of affairs. <i>The <b>absurd</b> excuse that the dog ate his homework.</i>
<b>absurdity</b>	The quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable. <i>The crowd laughed at the <b>absurdity</b> of the clown's behavior.</i>
<b>apostasy</b>	The act of abandoning a party for cause. <i>The execution of their leader for <b>apostasy</b> brought widespread criticism.</i>
<b>betray</b>	Cause someone to believe an untruth. <i>She drew a deep breath that <b>betrayed</b> her indignation.</i>

<b><u>betrayal</u></b>	An act of deliberate betrayal. <i>These developments represented a <b>betrayal</b> of democracy.</i>
<b><u>conversion</u></b>	A change of religion. <i>Keeping things simple will improve <b>conversion</b>.</i>
<b>defection</b>	The desertion of one's country or cause in favour of an opposing one. <i>A number of <b>defections</b> by leading ballet dancers.</i>
<b>garbled</b>	Lacking orderly continuity. <i>I got a <b>garbled</b> set of directions.</i>
<b>groundless</b>	Not based on any good reason. <i>The allegations proved <b>groundless</b>.</i>
<b>illogical</b>	Lacking sense or clear, sound reasoning. <i>An <b>illogical</b> fear of the supernatural.</i>
<b>impracticable</b>	(of a course of action) impossible in practice to do or carry out. <i>It was <b>impracticable</b> to widen the road here.</i>
<b>indefensible</b>	Not justifiable by argument. <i>The towns were tactically <b>indefensible</b>.</i>
<b>inexcusable</b>	Not excusable. <i>Matt's behaviour was <b>inexcusable</b>.</i>
<b><u>inordinate</u></b>	Beyond normal limits. <i>A book of <b>inordinate</b> length.</i>
<b>insuperable</b>	(of a difficulty or obstacle) impossible to overcome. <i><b>Insuperable</b> heroes.</i>
<b>insupportable</b>	Incapable of being justified or explained. <i>The heat was <b>insupportable</b>.</i>
<b><u>invalid</u></b>	Force to retire, remove from active duty, as of firemen. <i>Her <b>invalid</b> husband.</i>
<b><u>irrational</u></b>	Of a number quantity or expression not expressible as a ratio of two integers and having an infinite and non recurring expansion when expressed as a decimal Examples of irrational numbers are the number and the square root of 2. <i><b>Irrational</b> numbers.</i>
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<b>proselytize</b>	Convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another. <i>Davis wanted to share his concept and <b>proselytize</b> his ideas.</i>

<b>renunciation</b>	An act (spoken or written) declaring that something is surrendered or disowned. <i>A <b>renunciation</b> of violence.</i>
<b><u>undue</u></b>	Not yet payable. <i>Desire for <b>undue</b> private profit.</i>
<b><u>unfounded</u></b>	Without a basis in reason or fact. <i>Her fear that she had cancer was <b>unfounded</b>.</i>
<b><u>unjustifiable</u></b>	Not able to be shown to be right or reasonable. <i>An <b>unjustifiable</b> restriction on their freedom.</i>
<b><u>unjustified</u></b>	(of printed text) not justified. <i><b>Unjustified</b> price increases.</i>
<b>unpardonable</b>	(of a fault or offence) too severe to be pardoned; unforgivable. <i>An <b>unpardonable</b> sin.</i>
<b><u>unreasonable</u></b>	Not reasonable; not showing good judgment. <i>An <b>unreasonable</b> request.</i>
<b><u>unsound</u></b>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i>Activities deemed to be environmentally <b>unsound</b>.</i>
<b>unsupported</b>	Not held up or borne. <i>A toddler who can stand <b>unsupported</b>.</i>
<b><u>unwarranted</u></b>	Lacking justification or authorization. <i><b>Unwarranted</b> limitations of personal freedom.</i>