

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)

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

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	No longer valid.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

unacceptable	(used of persons or their behavior) not acceptable or reasonable. <i>The coach told his players that defeat was unacceptable.</i>
unarguable	Not open to disagreement; indisputable. <i>Unarguable proof of conspiracy.</i>
undefendable	Not able to be protected against attack. <i>This border is undefendable.</i>
<u>unfounded</u>	Without a basis in reason or fact. <i>Unfounded suspicions.</i>
<u>unjustifiable</u>	Not able to be shown to be right or reasonable. <i>An unjustifiable restriction on their freedom.</i>
<u>unjustified</u>	(of printed text) not justified. <i>Unjustified price increases.</i>
<u>unsound</u>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i>Unsound teeth.</i>
<u>unsustainable</u>	Upsetting the ecological balance by depleting natural resources. <i>Both remarks are unsustainable.</i>
<u>unwarranted</u>	Not justified or authorized. <i>Unwarranted jealousy.</i>
<u>weak</u>	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 weak magnetic field.</i>

Usage Examples of "Untenable" as an adjective

- *This argument is clearly untenable.*

Associations of "Untenable" (30 Words)

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

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

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