

**tyranny**['tɪrəni] *n*

1. тиранія, деспотизм
2. тиранство, жестокость  
the tyranny of fashion - деспотизм моды  
to escape father's tyranny - бежать от тираннии отца  
to rebel against smb.'s tyrannies - восстать против чьих-л. жестокостей

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**tyranny** [tyranny tyrannies] *BrE* ['tɪrəni] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['tɪrəni] <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun uncountable, countable (pl. tyrannies)**

1. unfair or cruel use of power or authority
  - a victim of oppression and tyranny
  - The children had no protection against the tyranny of their father.
  - the tyrannies of Nazi rule
  - (figurative) These days it seems we must all submit to the tyranny of the motor car.
2. the rule of a **tyrant**; a country under this rule

**Syn:** dictatorship

- Any political system refusing to allow dissent becomes a tyranny.

**Word Origin:**late Middle English: from Old French **tyrannie**, from late Latin **tyrannia**, from Latin **tyrannus**, from Greek **tyrannos**.**tyranny**

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[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** tyrannie, from Medieval Latin tyrannia, from Latin tyrannus; ⇨ **tyrant**]

1. cruel or unfair control over other people:
  - ˈ Gorky was often the victim of his grandfather's tyranny.
  - ˈ the fight against tyranny
2. cruel and unfair government:
  - ˈ organizations which have criticized the tyrannies of the government
3. **tyranny of the majority** the idea that if everyone has the right to vote, they will make decisions which will harm the country
4. something in your life that limits your freedom to do things the way you want to
  - ˈ **tyranny of**  
ˈ the tyranny of the nine-to-five working day

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