

minority[maɪˈnɔːrɪti] *n*

- 1) **меньшинство; меньшая часть**
 minority government - правительство меньшинства
 minority group - меньшинство
 to be in a /the/ minority - быть в меньшинстве
 they lost by a minority of one - они получили на один голос меньше
 cricket is a minority interest in the US - крикетом в Соединённых Штатах интересуются немногие
 they disagreed with the main report, so they produced a minority report - они были не согласны с основным решением и написали своё особое мнение /заявление меньшинства/
- 2) **обыкн. pl национальное меньшинство**
2. **несовершеннолетие**
 during his minority - пока он не достигнет совершеннолетия

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mi·nor·ity **AW** [minority minorities] **BrE** [maɪˈnɔːrɪti] ^ˈ **NAmE** [maɪˈnɔːrɪti] ^ˈ**noun** (pl. **mi·nor·ities**)

1. **singular + singular or plural verb** the smaller part of a group; less than half of the people or things in a large group
 - Only a small minority of students is/are interested in politics these days.
 - For a minority, the decision was a disappointment.
 - minority shareholders in the bank**Opp:** ↑majority
2. **countable** a small group within a community or country that is different because of race, religion, language, etc
 - the rights of **ethnic/racial minorities**
 - minority languages
 - a large German-speaking minority in the east of the country
 - (NAmE) The school is 95 per cent minority (= 95 per cent of children are not white Americans but from different groups) .
 - (NAmE) minority neighborhoods (= where no or few white people live)
3. **uncountable (law)** the state of being under the age at which you are legally an adult
 - When his minority ended he had to fight to reclaim his property.**Idioms** ↑in a minority ▪ ↑in a minority of one

Word Origin:late 15th cent. (in sense 3): from French **minorité** or medieval Latin **minoritas**, from Latin **minor** 'smaller'.Collocations:**Race and immigration***Prejudice and racism*

experience /encounter racism/discrimination/prejudice/anti-semitism
face/suffer persecution/discrimination
fear/escape from/flee racial/political/religious persecution
constitute/be a form of racial/race discrimination
reflect/reveal /show/have a racial/cultural bias
be biased/be prejudiced against (*especially BrE*) black people/(*both especially NAmE*) people of color/African Americans/Asians/Africans/Indians etc.
discriminate against minority groups/minorities
perpetuate /conform to/fit/defy a common/popular/traditional/negative stereotype
overcome/be blinded by deep-seated/racial/(*especially NAmE*) race prejudice
entrench/perpetuate racist attitudes
hurl/shout (*especially BrE*) racist abuse; (*especially NAmE*) a racist/racial/ethnic slur
challenge /confront racism/discrimination/prejudice
combat/fight (against)/tackle blatant/over/covert/subtle/institutional/systemic racism

Race and society

damage /improve (*especially BrE*) race relations
practise/ (*especially US*) **practice** (racial/religious) tolerance/segregation
bridge/break down/transcend cultural/racial barriers
encourage /promote social integration
outlaw/end discrimination/slavery/segregation
promote/embrace /celebrate cultural diversity
conform to/challenge /violate (accepted/established/prevaling/dominant) social/cultural norms
live in a multicultural society
attack/criticize multiculturalism
fight for/struggle for/promote racial equality
perpetuate /reinforce economic and social inequality
introduce/be for/be against (*BrE*) positive discrimination/(*especially NAmE*) affirmative action
support/be active in/play a leading role in the civil rights movement

Immigration

control/restrict/limit/encourage immigration
attract/draw a wave of immigrants

assist/welcome refugees
house/shelter refugees and asylum seekers
smuggle illegal immigrants into the UK
deport/repatriate illegal immigrants/failed asylum seekers
assimilate/integrate new immigrants
employ/hire migrant workers
exploit/rely on (cheap/illegal) immigrant labour/(*especially US*) labor
apply for/gain/obtain/be granted/be denied (full) citizenship
have/hold dual citizenship

Example Bank:

- Only a tiny minority of products are affected.
- Qualified minority applicants are highly sought after.
- We are in the minority on this issue.
- You are definitely among the minority.
- a sizeable minority of the population
- people from ethnic minorities
- the view of a small but vociferous minority

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minority **S3 W2 AC** /maɪ'nɒrəti, maɪ'nɒrɪti \$ mə'nɒr-ɪ-,mə'nɒr-ɪ-/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** (plural **minorities**)

1. [**singular also + plural verb**] a small group of people or things within a much larger group **OPP majority** :
 Gaelic is still spoken in Ireland by a tiny minority.

minority of

Only a minority of people support these new laws.

small/tiny/substantial/significant minority

Gay men are a small but significant minority.

minority report (=a report by a minority of a group who do not agree with the others)

2. [**countable usually plural**]

a) a group of people of a different race, religion etc from most other people in that country:

- People from ethnic minorities often face prejudice.
- the very large Russian minorities in Ukraine and Moldova
- children from minority groups
- the teaching of minority languages in schools

minority leader/businessman/student etc *American English*:

a school with a high proportion of minority students

b) *American English* someone who belongs to a group like this:

Businesses are under pressure to hire minorities and women.

3. **be in the/a minority** to form less than half of a group:

Boys are very much in the minority at the dance class.

4. **be in a minority of one** to be the only person in a group who has a particular opinion

5. [**uncountable**] **law** the period of time when someone is below the age at which they become legally responsible for their actions

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a small minority** She is one of a small minority of women working in engineering.
- **a tiny minority** Only a tiny minority of the population actually commit crimes.
- **a large minority** A large minority of women feel happier when their husbands leave them.
- **a substantial/sizeable minority (=a large minority)** A sizeable minority of people sleep less than five hours a night without problems.
- **a significant minority (=a large and fairly important minority)** A significant minority of older people have difficulty in caring for themselves.

■ verbs

- **be in a minority** Male students are in a minority in this class.
- **represent a minority** Old people still only represent a minority of the population.
- **form a minority** (also **constitute a minority formal**) This type of cell forms a minority of the cells in the nervous system.
- **affect a minority** The side effects only affect a minority of people who take the drug.

■ minority + NOUN

- **a minority group** I t's ridiculous to refer to women as a minority group.
- **a minority interest** Jazz is a minority interest, but it is still an important part of musical studies.
- **a minority opinion/view** This is a minority view among scientists.
- **a minority stake (=a number of shares in a company, equalling less than half the total number)** IBM has bought a minority stake in the computer company.
- **a minority shareholder (=someone who owns less than half the shares in a company)** A minority shareholder with 10% of voting rights refused to accept the plan.

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