

liberal

1. ['lɪb(ə)rəl] *n*
 1. либерал, человек либеральных убеждений; сторонник либерализма
 2. (Liberal) член партии либералов либерал (*особ. в Великобритании*)
2. ['lɪb(ə)rəl] *a*
 1. 1) с широкими взглядами; свободомыслящий; не связанный предрассудками
 - 2) либеральный прогрессивный, передовой (*о взглядах и т. п.*)
 2. 1) щедрый, великодушный
 - liberal in praise - щедрый на похвалы
 - to be a liberal giver - щедро давать, дарить, жертвовать
 - to be liberal of promises - не скупиться на обещания
 - the magazines were liberal with their space for his articles - в журналах не жалели места для его статей
 - 2) обильный, щедрый, богатый
 - liberal helping - солидная порция
 - liberal gift - щедрый /богатый/ подарок
 - liberal table - а) обильный стол; б) широкое гостеприимство
 - liberal share - большая доля
 - to make liberal provision for one's family - полностью обеспечить свою семью
3. гуманитарный
 - liberal education - гуманитарное образование; широкое общее образование
4. (Liberal) либеральный, состоящий из членов либеральной партии
 - the Liberal government - правительство либералов
5. свободный, вольный, небуквальный
 - liberal interpretation [translation] - вольное толкование [-ый перевод]
6. *уст.* распущенный; разнузданный
7. *тех.* с запасом (*прочности и т. п.*)
8. *уст.* присущий или подобающий свободному человеку, *особ.* дворянину

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lib-er-al **AW** [liberal liberals] **adjective, noun** *BrE* ['lɪbərəl] ^m *NAmE* ['lɪbərəl] ^m
adjective

RESPECTING OTHER OPINIONS

1. willing to understand and respect other people's behaviour, opinions, etc, especially when they are different from your own; believing people should be able to choose how they behave
 - liberal attitudes/views/opinions

POLITICS

2. wanting or allowing a lot of political and economic freedom and supporting gradual social, political or religious change
 - Some politicians want more liberal trade relations with Europe.
 - liberal democracy
 - liberal theories
 - a liberal politician
3. **Liberal** connected with the British Liberal Party in the past, or of a Liberal Party in another country

GENEROUS

4. ~ **(with sth)** generous; given in large amounts
Syn: †lavish
 - She is very liberal with her money.
 - I think Sam is too liberal with his criticism (= he criticizes people too much) .
 - Divorced fathers should have liberal access to their children.
 - We ate cake with liberal amounts of whipped cream.

EDUCATION

5. concerned with increasing sb's general knowledge and experience rather than particular skills
 - a liberal education

NOT EXACT

6. not completely accurate or exact
Syn: †free
 - a liberal translation of the text
 - a **liberal interpretation** of the law

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- He is relatively liberal on social issues.
- His attitudes are fairly liberal.
- She's very liberal with her advice!
- a broadly liberal policy programme
- a broadly liberal set of policies
- comparatively liberal in trade matters
- Her parents are very liberal and allow her a lot of freedom.
- His later films reflect the more liberal values of the 1960s.
- I think Sam is too liberal with his criticism.
- In some countries there is a more liberal attitude to euthanasia.

Derived Word ↑liberally

noun

SB WHO RESPECTS OTHERS

1. a person who understands and respects other people's opinions and behaviour, especially when they are different from their own
 - He liked to think of himself as a liberal.

POLITICS

2. a person who supports political, social and religious change
 - Reform is popular with middle-class liberals.
3. **Liberal** (politics) a member of the British Liberal Party in the past, or of a Liberal Party in another country

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin liberalis, from liber; ⇒ ↑liberty]

1. willing to understand and respect other people's ideas, opinions, and feelings:

- a more liberal attitude towards sexuality
- I had quite liberal parents.

2. supporting or allowing gradual political and social changes **OPP conservative**:

- a more liberal policy on issues of crime and punishment

3. allowing people or organizations a lot of political or economic freedom

liberal state/society/democracy etc

4. generous or given in large amounts:

- a liberal supply of drinks

liberal with

- If only they were as liberal with their cash. ⇒ ↑liberally

5. not exact:

- a liberal interpretation of the original play

6. **liberal education** a kind of education which encourages you to develop a large range of interests and knowledge and respect for other people's opinions

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someone with liberal opinions or principles **OPP conservative**

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THESAURUS

- **right-wing** **adjective** a right-wing person or group wants low taxes, a strong army and police force, and the individual to be free from government interference as much as possible: right-wing political parties | Some of his supporters are very right-wing. | right-wing policies on gun control
- **left-wing** **adjective** a left-wing person or group wants the government to make society more equal by increasing taxes for rich people, and taking control of important industries and services: a left-wing newspaper | His views are very left-wing.
- **green** **adjective** [usually before noun] supporting policies and principles which will protect the environment: green politicians | the Green Party | The government is under pressure to improve its green credentials (=to seem more like it wants to protect the environment).
- **radical** **adjective** supporting political ideas that will involve great change: radical politicians | a radical economic reform programme
- **liberal** **adjective** supporting political ideas that will allow people to have greater freedom: They want the government to have a more liberal policy on drugs.
- **moderate** **adjective** having political opinions which are not extreme: People generally become more moderate as they get older. | The bill is supported by moderate Republicans.
- **extreme** **adjective** having political opinions which are considered to be very unreasonable by many people: His views on immigration are very extreme. | an extreme right-wing organization

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