

authoritarian

- 1. [ɔːθərɪˈte(ə)rɪən] *n*
 - 1. сторонник авторитарной власти
 - 2. любитель командовать; деспот
- 2. [ɔːθərɪˈte(ə)rɪən] *a*
 - 1. авторитарный
authoritarian government [regime] - авторитарное правительство [-ый режим]
 - 2. властный, не терпящий возражений
authoritarian parents - строгие родители
don't be so authoritarian! - ≅ не командуй, пожалуйста!

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• **I. au-thori-tar-ian** [authoritarian authoritarians] *BrE* [ɔːθərɪˈteɪrɪən *NAmE*]

[ə,θɔːrɪˈteɪrɪən *NAmE* [ə,θɔːrɪˈteɪrɪən] *adjective*

believing that people should obey authority and rules, even when these are unfair, and even if it means that they lose their personal freedom

- an **authoritarian regime/government/state**
- The school was very authoritarian and exam-orientated.
- Father was an authoritarian figure.

Derived Word ↑ **authoritarianism**

Thesaurus:

authoritarian *adj.*

- an authoritarian style of leadership

authoritative • **disapproving autocratic** • **overbearing** • **dictatorial** • **repressive** • **oppressive** • **undemocratic** • **tyrannical** • **bossy**

a/an authoritarian/authoritative/autocratic/overbearing/dictatorial **manner**

a/an authoritarian/authoritative/bossy **attitude**

a/an authoritarian/autocratic/dictatorial/repressive/oppressive/undemocratic/tyrannical **regime**

Authoritarian, authoritative or autocratic? **Autocratic** always shows disapproval, **authoritative** often shows approval that sb is in control; **authoritarian** is usually simply a descriptive term, showing neither approval nor disapproval

Example Bank:

- Many have accused him of an authoritarian style of leadership.
- Policing policy has become discernibly more authoritarian.

• **II. au-thori-tar-ian** *noun*

- Father was a strict authoritarian.

Main entry: ↑ **authoritarian** *derived*

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au-thori-tar-ian /ɔːθərɪˈteɪrɪən/ *BrE* *AmE*

adjective

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑ **authority**, ↑ **authorization**, ↑ **authoritarian**, ↑ **authoritarianism**; **adjective:** ↑ **authoritarian**, ↑ **authoritative**, ↑ **authorized** ≠ ↑ **unauthorized**; **verb:** ↑ **authorize**; **adverb:** ↑ **authoritatively**]

strictly forcing people to obey a set of rules or laws, especially ones that are wrong or unfair:

- an authoritarian government
- Critics claim his management has become too authoritarian.

—**authoritarian** *noun* [countable]

—**authoritarianism** *noun* [uncountable]

THESAURUS

- **strict** expecting people to obey rules or to do what you say – used especially about parents, teachers, or organizations: Our teachers were very strict. | Most schools are quite strict about the way students dress.
- **firm** showing that you are in control of the situation and will not change your opinion, especially when you are telling someone what to do: You have to be firm with young children. | I'll be firm with him and tell him he can't have any more money.
- **tough** determined that your orders or decisions will be obeyed, especially in order to make sure that a situation improves – used especially when you think that someone is right to be strict: We need a government that is tough on crime. | She can be quite tough with her students, but they respect her for it. | The chancellor has got to be tough and keep government spending down.
- **stern** strict in a serious, disapproving, and rather unfriendly way: Her grandfather was a stern man who rarely smiled. | Sheila walked into the museum, under the stern gaze of the curator.
- **harsh** punishing or criticizing someone in a way that seems very severe, often too severe: Don't be too harsh on her – she's only a child. | It may seem harsh to punish him, but he has to learn that this kind of behaviour is unacceptable. | Her reaction to the child's bad behaviour was unnecessarily harsh.
- **authoritarian** *disapproving* very strict about forcing people to obey rules or laws, and punishing them very severely if they fail to do this – used about people and governments: Her father was very authoritarian and insisted on total obedience. | an authoritarian government

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