

Race, Nation, and Place

Irishness and the Fluidity of Race

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What do we know about the Irish?

The Civilization Mission 

Migration 

The Sugar Revolution 

Theory

- The Multidimensionality of Race
- Understanding the Struggle to Build a Multiracial Identity Theory

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Ireland

The Colonization of the Irish

English Domination



- Colonization
- Dehumanization
 - Brutish and uncivilized people

The Scotch-Irish

- The Plantation at Ulster
- Send in the Scots
- Naming

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The Caribbean

The Racial Journey of the Irish

Subjugation

- Oliver Cromwell 
 - Transportation
- Servitude
- Catholicism
- Lack of economic and social mobility 

Whitening of the Irish

- Slavery
- Economic Mobility
- Participation in English Domination
- Variations in Punishment

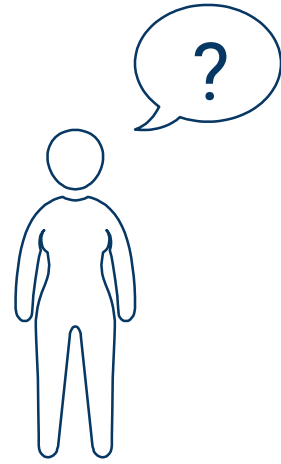
“Sexual Transgression”



- White men vs. white women
- Mixed-race children
 - The privilege of whiteness

Why does this matter?

What can the Irish tell us about the construction of racial identity in our present moment?



Thank You!

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