Transatlantic Civil Rights Activism:

Linking the Civil Rights Movements in Northern Ireland and the United States in the 1960s

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The U.S. civil rights movement was a key source of inspiration for activists in Northern Ireland, shaping their protest tactics, slogans, and songs. Drawing parallels between the struggles of African Americans and the Catholic minority, Irish activists adapted these strategies in their fight for equality. By the late 1960s, key figures traveled to the U.S. to seek support and build alliances, despite opposition from conservative Irish-Americans. This lecture explores the deep connections between both movements, the direct cooperation between activists, and how these transatlantic ties influenced the broader struggle for civil rights in Northern Ireland.



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