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The Discrimination of Irish Immigrants

The Irish Immigrants of the United States faced many prejudices and discrimination from the Americans who came before them. The Irish were considered dirty, stupid, and lazy. Many newspaper cartoons depicted Irishmen as ape-like creatures and used the derogatory term Paddy's to describe them. American's blamed the Irish for taking their jobs and causing economic problems. Irish immigrants were predominantly catholic which was another reason to discriminate against them because they followed the rule of the Pope. Therefore, American's believed that Irishmen would never truly pledge their allegiance to the United States because it was first and foremost pledged to the Pope.

Excerpt from an article from the Boston newspaper, The Know-Nothing and American Crusader, Providence July 22, 1854

THINGS WHICH ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND ALL TRUE ROMAN-CATHOLICS HATE ...

1. They HATE our Republic, and are trying to overthrow it.
2. They HATE our Flag, and they grossly insult it.
3. They HATE the liberty of the Press.
4. They HATE the liberty of speech.
5. They HATE our Public School system.
6. They HATE the Bible, and would blot it out of existence if they could!
7. They HATE Protestants, and are sworn to exterminate them from our country and the earth.
8. They HATE all rulers that do not swear allegiance to the Pope of Rome.
9. They HATE to be ruled by Americans
10. They HATE to support their own paupers and they are left to be supported by the tax-paying Americans.
11. Know-Nothings this country from their cursed power.

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Political Cartoons about the Irish Immigrants

