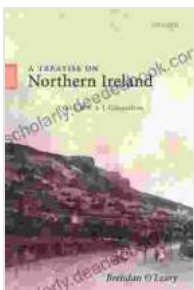


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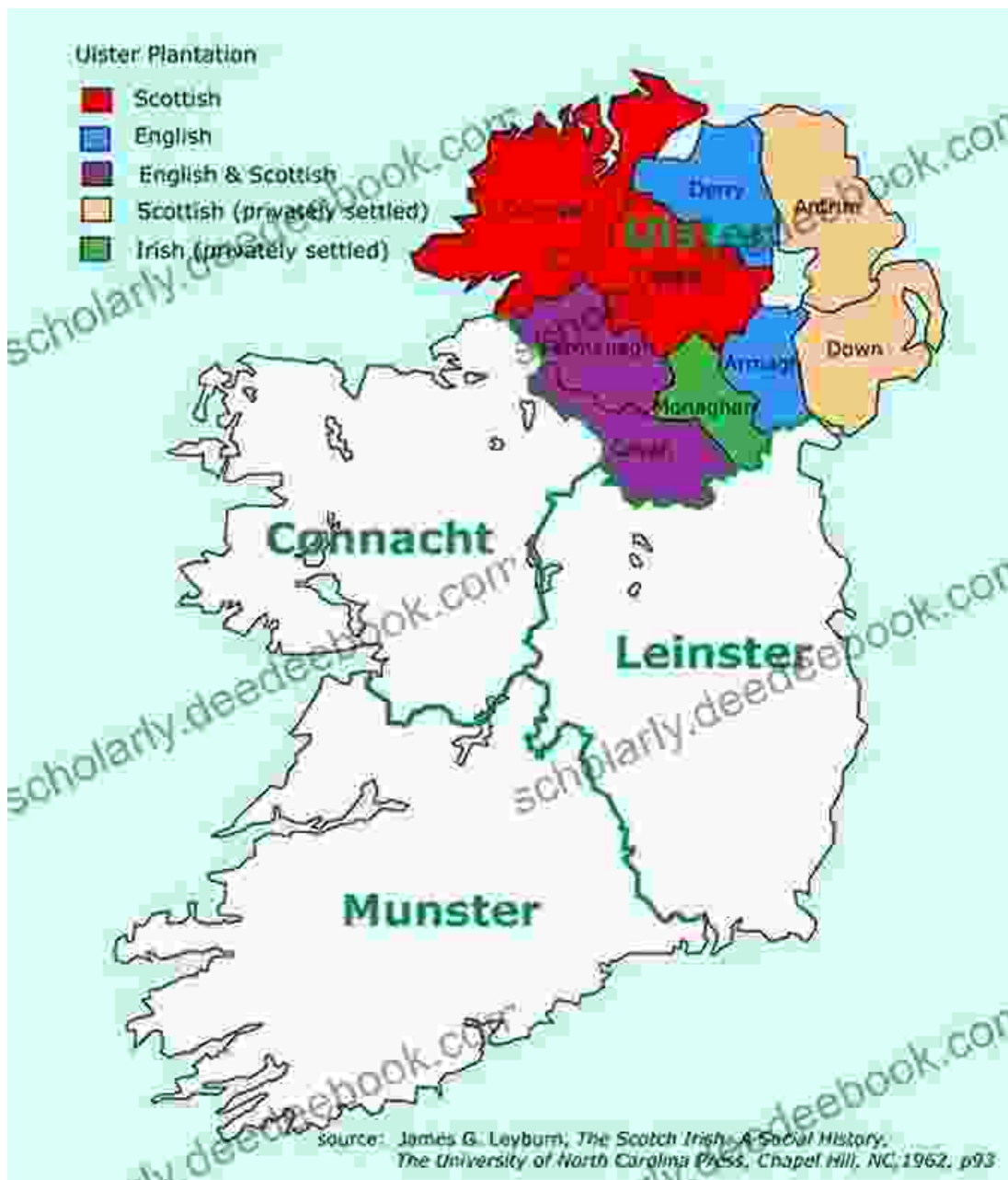
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In the aftermath of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998, Northern Ireland embarked on a difficult journey towards peace and reconciliation. The Agreement sought to address the root causes of conflict, promote cross-community dialogue, and establish a devolved power-sharing government. However, the legacy of colonialism continues to cast a long shadow, with sectarianism and mistrust persisting in some quarters.



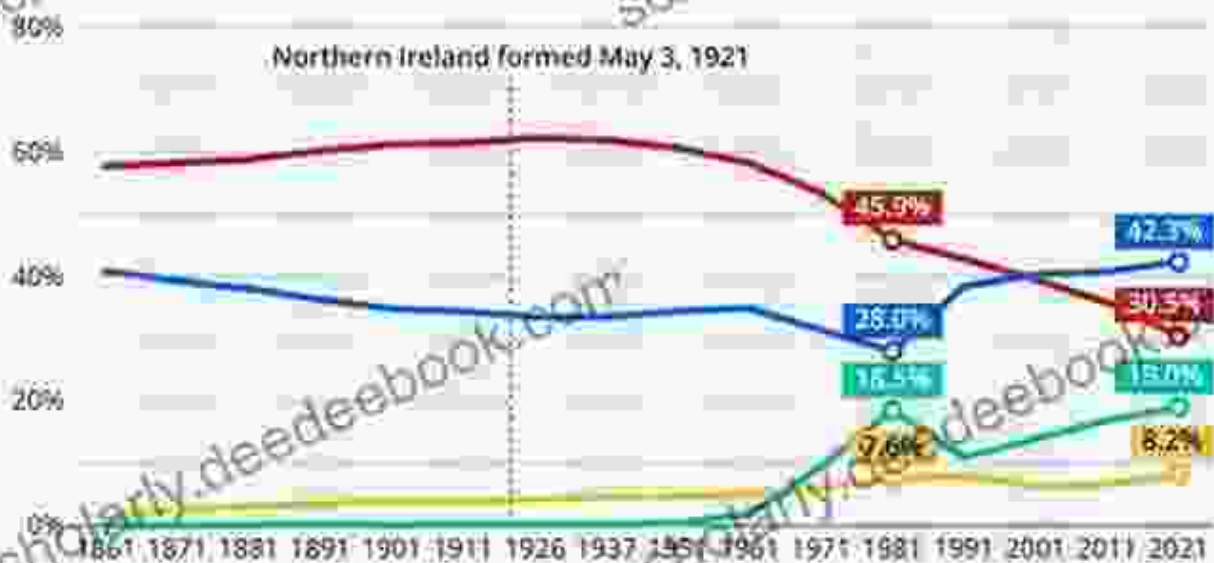
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In addition to its political and sectarian dimensions, colonialism also had significant socio-economic impacts on Northern Ireland. The Protestant community benefited from economic advantages, while the Catholic community faced poverty, unemployment, and limited access to education and housing. The legacy of this inequality persists today, contributing to ongoing social and economic challenges.

# Catholics Now Outnumber Protestants in Northern Ireland

Share of the population in Northern Ireland that identifies with the following religious groups

■ Catholic ■ Protestant\* ■ None/not stated ■ Other religions



\* Includes Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Church of Ireland, Methodist Church in Ireland

Source: Census 2021, historical census reports and mid-year estimates via NISRA



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## Cultural Identity and Colonialism

Northern Ireland's colonial past has also had a profound impact on its cultural identity. The British influence is evident in its language, education system, and legal framework. Gleichzeitig haben die gälische und katholische Kultur der irischen Gemeinschaft ihre Widerstandsfähigkeit

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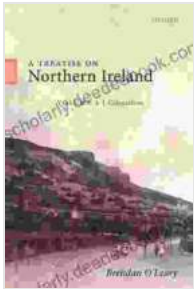


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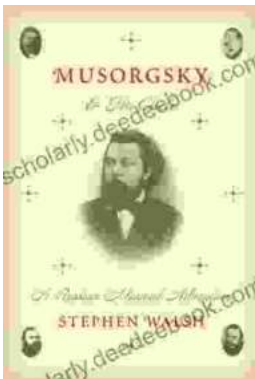


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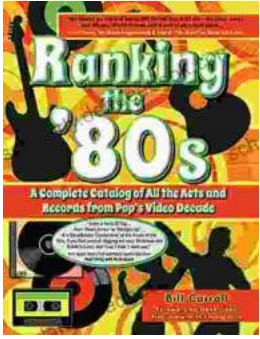
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