

Immigration and Whiteness

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1. Why were the Irish considered “not white” in the United States in the 19th Century?
2. Today, are Irish-Americans (American citizens with Irish ancestry) “white”?
3. What is the difference between “white ethnic” categories such as “Irish American,” “German American,” “Italian American,” and ethnic categories such as “Asian American,” “African American,” “Puerto Rican,” or “Hispanic”?

