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### **Problematic/Controversial Irish symbols:**

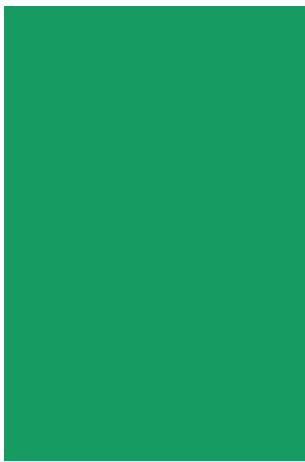
Flag = ?



The Ulster Banner (flag of the pre-1973 government of Northern Ireland => then government dissolved during the Troubles=> use of the Union Flag or of the Flag of Ireland:



The Union Jack



The Republic of Ireland flag

+ other symbols:

## Problematic symbols

- ▶ Issues over the flag : which should be flown?
  - ▶ Union Jack? Irish flag? Ulster Banner?
  - ▶ Alternance? (ex Belfast 2012) All?
- ▶ Other controversial symbols:
  - ▶ Red poppy vs. white Easter lily
  - ▶ Red Hand of Ulster vs. harp
  - ▶ Only consensual exception: shamrock
- ▶ Hymn:
  - ▶ Danny Boy vs. God Save the Queen?
  - ▶ Sports: Ireland's Call (unity)



### **The Plantation of Ulster**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l67EsiJxUPo>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/plantation/>

### **The Battle of the Boyne (1690)**

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Battle-of-the-Boyne>

<https://www.theirishstory.com/2010/07/12/today-in-irish-history-the-battle-of-the-boyne-july-12/#.YDriyWhKg2w>



Persisting controversial celebration of William of Orange's victory: "Orange Marches" of July 12<sup>th</sup> ("The Twelfth")

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Twelfth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Twelfth)

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2004/jul/13/northernireland.angeliquechrisafis> : "Loyalist parade sparks riots in Catholic area" *The Guardian*, July 2004.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jul/12/northern-ireland-orange-order-parades-12-july-amid-violence-belfast-derry> "Orange Order parades take place amid violence in Northern Ireland" *The Guardian*, July 2018

### **Celtic Revival:**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celtic\\_Revival](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celtic_Revival)

### Fenians:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenian>

### Early 20<sup>th</sup>: Home Rule & Easter Rising

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=722S-m6T7Hw> = "Ireland 1912-1916: An Animated History from Home Rule to Easter Rising"

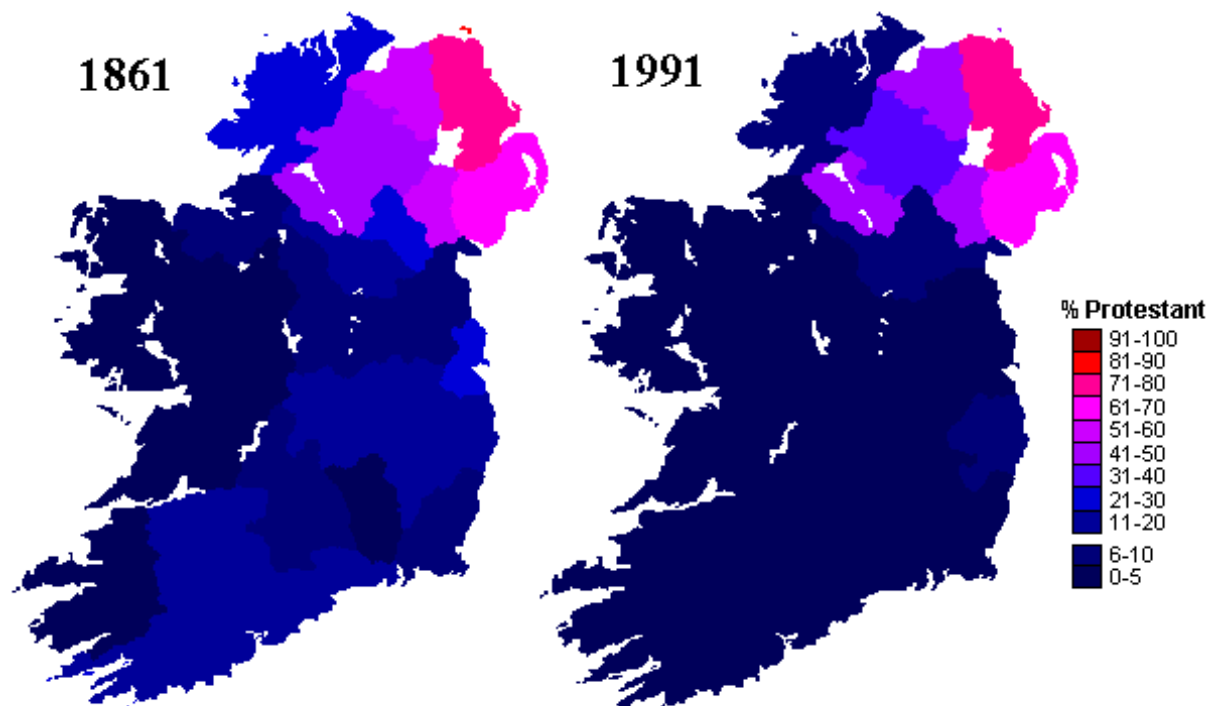
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rT8uFlbNrHw> = "Easter Rising in 8 minutes"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmaIOG9-BBk> = Easter Rising Centenary: commemorating ER.

### Religion in (Northern) Ireland:

#### **Distribution of Protestants in Ireland, 1861 & 1991**

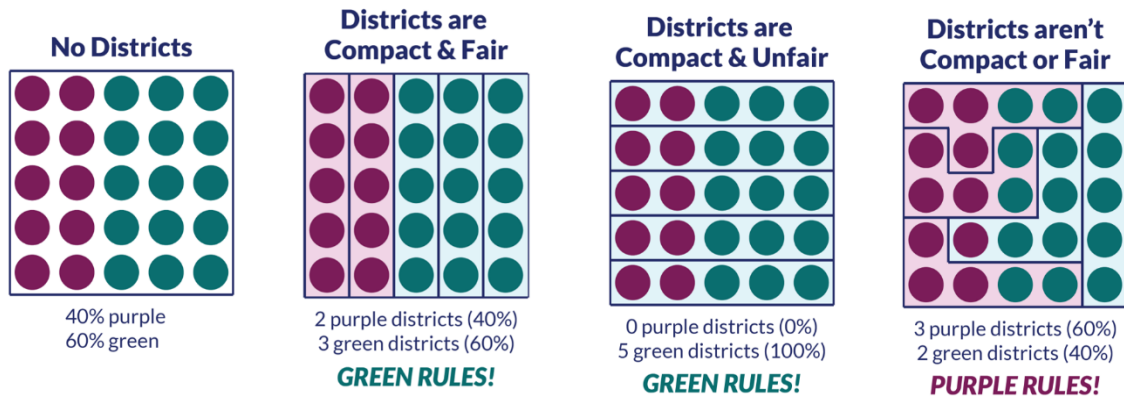
All based on county figures



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## Gerrymandering

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerrymandering>



## The Troubles

Operation Demetrius & torture on Irish prisoners :

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Demetrius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Demetrius)

Bloody Sunday : [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bloody\\_Sunday\\_\(1972\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bloody_Sunday_(1972))

Evolution of PIRA & the profile of its members:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09546553.2012.664587>

1981 Hunger Strike:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1981\\_Irish\\_hunger\\_strike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1981_Irish_hunger_strike)

## The Good Friday Agreement

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good\\_Friday\\_Agreement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Friday_Agreement)

## Institutions of NI

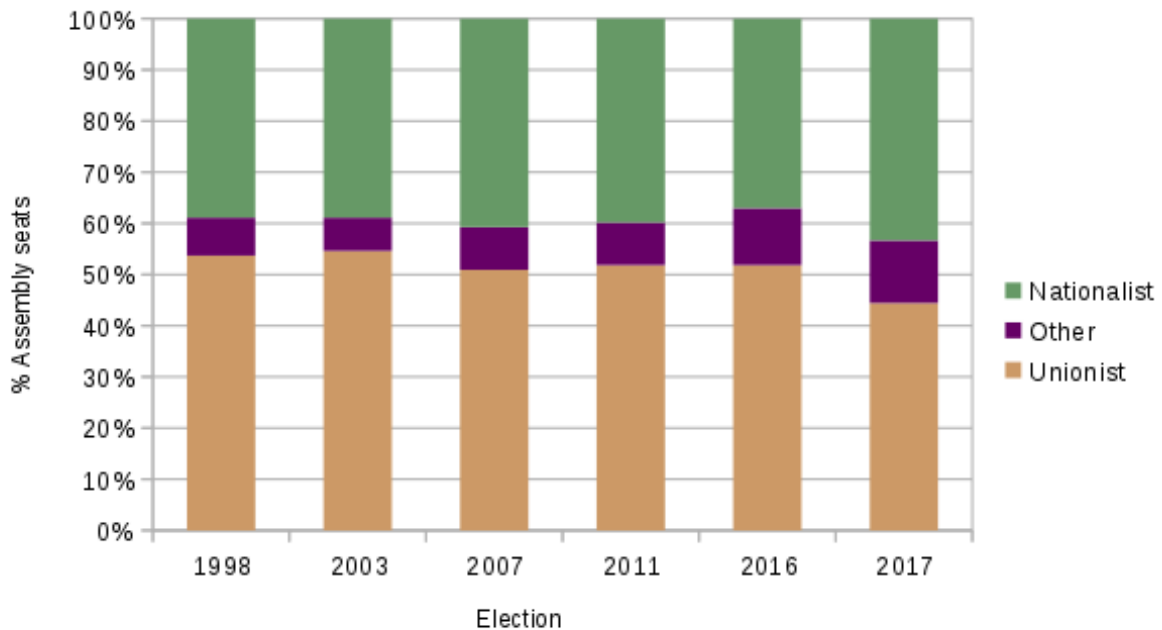
NI Executive :

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern\\_Ireland\\_Executive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Ireland_Executive)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%27Hondt\\_method](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%27Hondt_method)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department\\_of\\_Justice\\_\(Northern\\_Ireland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department_of_Justice_(Northern_Ireland))

NI Assembly:



Percentage of Assembly Seats per party per election

Devolved powers:

- Transferred matters

A transferred matter is defined as "any matter which is not an excepted or reserved matter". There is therefore no full listing of transferred matters but they have been grouped into the responsibilities of the Northern Ireland Executive ministers:

- Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
- Communities
- Economy
- Education
- Finance
- Health
- Infrastructure
- Justice
- First and deputy First Minister

- Reserved matters

Cf Schedule 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. Include:

- Navigation (including merchant shipping) & civil aviation
- The foreshore, sea bed and subsoil and their natural resources

Postal services  
Import and export controls, external trade  
National minimum wage  
Financial services & markets  
Units of measurement  
Telecommunications, Broadcasting, Internet services  
Scientific ethical issues ec Xenotransplantation, surrogacy, human fertilisation and embryology, human genetics  
Consumer safety in relation to goods

- Excepted matters

Cf Schedule 2 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. Include:

The Crown  
Parliament  
International relations  
Defence  
Immigration and Nationality  
Taxation  
National insurance  
Elections  
Currency  
National security  
Nuclear energy

(source: Wikipedia)

Difference between reserved & excepted matters = 'reserved' matters might be transferred to the Northern Ireland Assembly at a future date vs. 'excepted' matters will stay with the UK government indefinitely.

Cf also <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/overview-government-northern-ireland> and

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/770300/IntroductionToDevolution.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/770300/IntroductionToDevolution.pdf)

Suspended NIA:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St\\_Andrews\\_Agreement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Andrews_Agreement) (2006)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renewable\\_Heat\\_Incentive\\_scandal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renewable_Heat_Incentive_scandal) (2017)

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-eu-nireland-idUSKBN2ALOEW> 2021 suspension of NIA over Brexit & UK/NI border?

**Brexit & Northern Ireland protocol + The thorny question of reunification /referendum on reunification:**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern\\_Ireland\\_Protocol#:~:text=The%20Protocol%20on%20Ireland%2FNorthern,and%20concluded%20in%20December%202020.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Ireland_Protocol#:~:text=The%20Protocol%20on%20Ireland%2FNorthern,and%20concluded%20in%20December%202020.)

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/apr/11/despair-fuels-the-flames-of-young-loyalist-anger-in-northern-ireland>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/apr/11/boris-johnson-refuses-calls-for-summit-on-violence-in-northern-ireland>

[https://www.franceculture.fr/emissions/affaires-etrangees/affaires-etrangees-emission-du-samedi-10-avril-2021?utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR20HYj7rAOSspUFCtKrMojdmyjb3Xpf-JZZiwarxgo2Hg38riR-UuygFkg#Echobox=1618049717](https://www.franceculture.fr/emissions/affaires-etrangees/affaires-etrangees-emission-du-samedi-10-avril-2021?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR20HYj7rAOSspUFCtKrMojdmyjb3Xpf-JZZiwarxgo2Hg38riR-UuygFkg#Echobox=1618049717)

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/oct/01/brexit-ireland-press-reunification-vote-sinn-fein-mary-lou-mcdonald>

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40213094.html>

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/poll-finds-majority-favours-holding-a-border-poll-in-next-five-years-1.4466826>