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This period saw the disclosure of a new generation of Irish patriots who were searching in order to liberate their country from British rule. They established an independent Irish nation ideally embraced by this movement centered around the idea of Irish national identity, cultural heritage, and political autonomy. The meaning of being Irish meant to be part of a unique cultural community with a distinct language, history, and tradition that had been pushed away for centuries by the ruling of the British. The Irish nationalists believed that their culture and heritage were under threat, and they quested to revive and promote it. They saw themselves as the rightful heirs of a rich Celtic past that had been suppressed by the British. The Irish nationalist movement also embraced the ideals of political autonomy and independence. The Irish believed that they had every right to govern themselves and didn't want the British overruling and believed their government was corrupted. The Irish nationalists sought to establish an independent Irish state that would be free from British control. To be Irish at this time meant to be Irish was to be part of a unique cultural community that had been oppressed by British colonial rule for a period of time and was now seeking to establish an independent Irish nation that would be free from British control and would provide for the well-being of all Irish people. “ In Embracing nationalism and rejecting the transnational progressivism of their day, these Irish nationalists acted more out of opportunism than ideology. To achieve their political goals, Parnellite Home Rulers had to stoke public opinion, graphically caricature British power, and work to remind Irish people of their historical grievances.” (Townend,2017). The Irish nationalists sought to establish an independent Irish state that would be free from British control.