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Italy is a country that had been greatly affected by the 19th-century nationalistic movement. The movement itself was called, the Risorgimento, a period that caused controversy among historians for its mostly exclusive middle and upper-class revolution - "failing to include the masses" as mentioned in the Britannica article. But finally establishing independence in its kingdom in 1861, the movement brought about many political movements which shaped the course of history for Italy as we know it alongside its own nationhood.

The movement sprouted during the French Revolution and the Napoleonic wars in the early 19th century. Soon after the end of the Napoleonic war in 1815, Italy attempts to resume its original ruling power. However, with its society being affected by Austria, Italy had adopted conservative characteristics. This broke the Italian states into two main categories, *Young Italy* and the *Neo-Guelfs*, this was important for Young Italy desired to educate the people on their nation and bring forth liberal autonomy for the common people—to "rise against the existing reactionary regimes." While on the other hand, the Neo-Guelfs believed in a movement that would establish the pope as the head in addition to what is understood to be a continuous monarch society.

The movement failed to proceed by 1848 and leadership passed to the northwestern region of Piedmont. In doing so, the French also brought aid to the Italians in liberating their nation from the Austrians in 1859, leading to the end of the Risorgimento by "the annexation of Venetia in 1866 and papal Rome." Nationhood had lacked in its development due to the country's roadblock between the middle & upper-class and the ideas that had been brought forth by the French. The land may have been united, but there was a lack of Italian nationhood between its social classes.

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