

Language, Education and Integration: Provisions for Immigrants in Ireland



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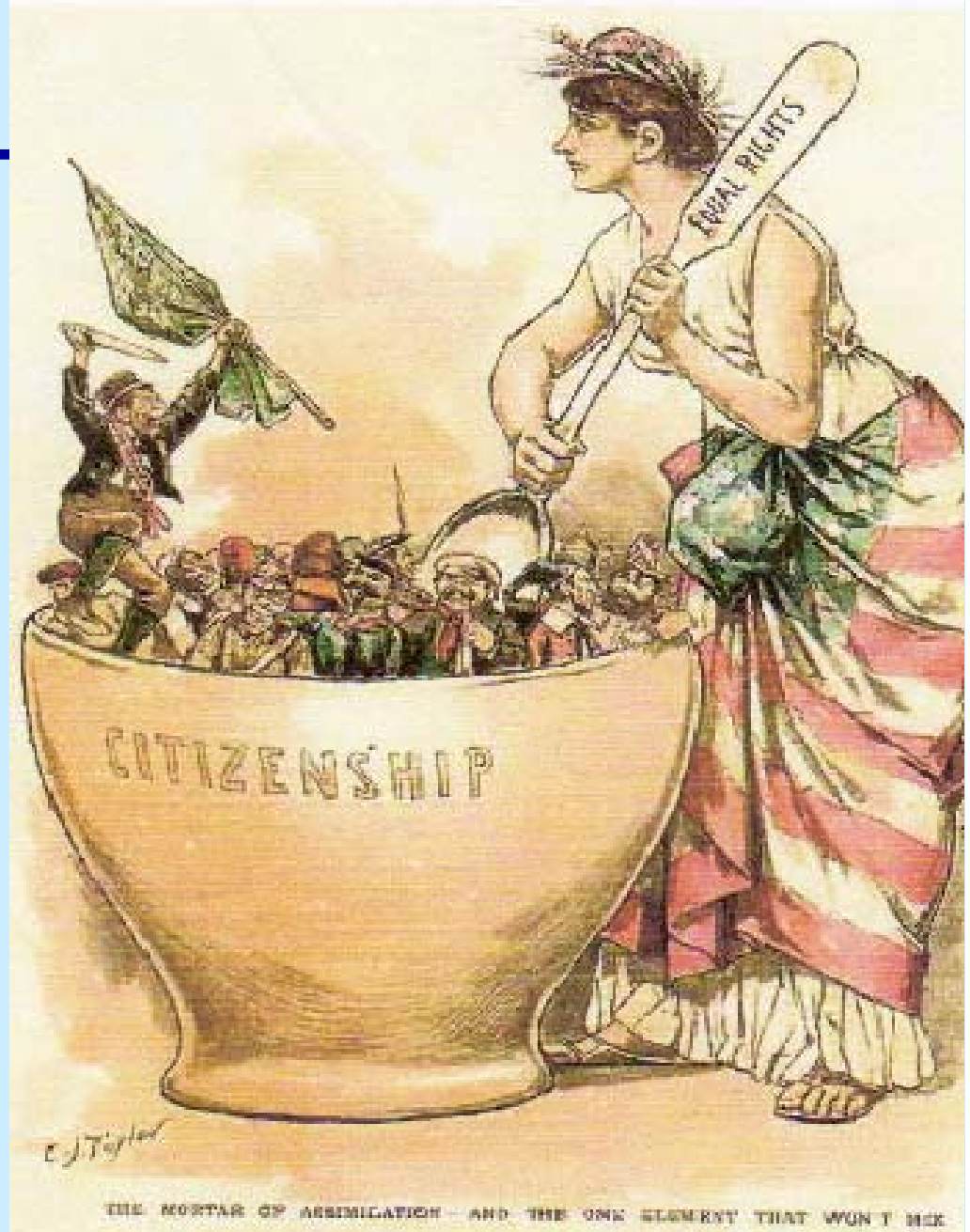
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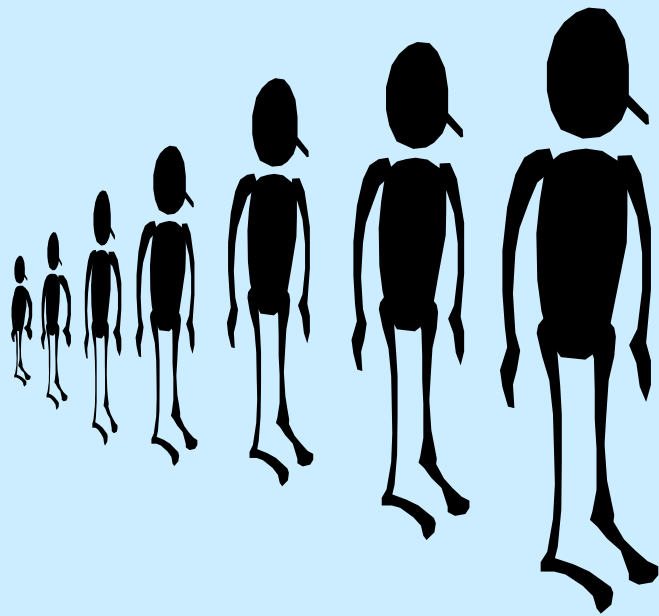
Issues in Immigrant Education

- Primary & Secondary Education
- Access to Third Level
- English Language & Orientation
- Recommendations

Cartoon by C.J. Taylor in *Puck* magazine, 19th Century:
Caption: 'The Mortar of Assimilation - and the One Element that Won't Mix.'



Primary & Secondary Education



- υ Access for all children
- υ Religious Schools
- υ Language support teachers
- υ Bilingualism
- υ Interculturalism
- υ Recruitment of teachers from new communities

Garda Recruitment Initiative as Model



- Active Recruitment
- Garda Initiative
- Entry Rules

Pic: Garda Recruitment Drive
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Access to Third-Level Education

- υ Rights to education
- υ Access for immigrants
- υ Promotion of Ireland as an ‘education destination’
- υ Migration and Development

Language Education for Adults

- European & Irish Contexts
- Government providers: VEC & IILT
- NGOs
- Workplace training
- Other EU policies
- Towards a Policy

Recommendations

- υ Need for a Government policy
- υ Increase number of language support teachers
- υ Recruit teachers from new communities
- υ Acknowledge languages & cultures of pupils & fund classes
- υ Improve access to third level
- υ Provide English language & orientation courses to all
- υ Improve research & data collection



Pic: Kildare Childcare Commitee