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The Main European Migration Trade towards American North Atlantic Coast in the Nineteenth Century

Abstract

This paper aims at examining the history of migration in the United States and consequently the changes that are currently taking place in its social and cultural landscape. Immigration has been a central element in the making of the United States because most immigrant communities have tried to maintain their way of life, historical background, and their social and cultural inheritance. All these factors constitute the *melting pot* which is usually applied to describe American social plurality. We are going to focus on the role that European immigrants had played in the formation of the United States. We will explore their social and political influence and the main effects of this transatlantic migration as a source of cultural diversity in American society. This work is interested in studying the impact of European immigrants on the social, political, economic and cultural development of the main cities in the Northeast coast of the United States. We will try to analyse and evaluate the significance of this migration as one of the main factors responsible for the shaping of the United State's society in the 19th century.

This study will offer an approach to the role that Irish immigrants had played in the formation of United States during the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th and it will analyse the impact of this transatlantic migratory movement on the social, political, economic and cultural development of the most important American cities and towns in the Northatlantic coast.

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