

# Whigs and Tories



The **Tories** do not boast of the origin of their nickname – *toraidhe* – a Gaelic word for Irish outlaws who plundered and killed English soldiers and settlers on their land during the 17th century

The name was then given to royalists who opposed the exclusion of James, Duke of York, as a Catholic, from succession to the crown. The political party that grew from this formally became the **Conservatives** in 1830. Their political opponents were the **Whigs**, whose origins were no finer – the name originally meaning ‘country bumpkin’