o Argument that this contributes to burgeoning civil rights movement - professional middle class people who start to hit barriers more often
o Sharpens the difference between the North and South - no free healthcare even to this day in the South
o Catholic share of the population starts to increase
o In many ways, non-sectarian politics more scary than religious voting - splits the protestant vote - lots of demonising of the Northern Irish Labour Party

- 1950s
  o IRA kill 9 people in England in 1939 - bomb placed in basket of bike in Coventry - 5 died from subsequent explosion - stirring of anti-irish attitude
  o IRA Border Campaign 1956-62 - ‘Operation Harvest’ - a military and political failure - vast majority in 1956/57
    - Mounted mainly by southerners - didn’t tell the IRA in Belfast what was going to happen
    - Idea to attack police stations/barracks near border and gain spheres of influence
    - Gets the IRA thinking of how to improve tactics - didn’t catch the hearts and minds of the people - start to think of how to do this
    - Internment without trial introduced in both North and South - successful during Border Campaign

- 1960s sees the Labour Party grow in popularity - Nationalist parties not doing too well due to them not turning up to parliament
  o Labour Party - FPTP - 1962 - 26% of vote - 4/52 seats
  o Attempts to pursue non-sectarian politics

Seminar

- How significant was discrimination in Northern Ireland?
  - Was certainly there - however not as significant/widespread as previously thought
- Catholic clergy push for Catholic parents to send their children to Catholic schools - which were generally of a poorer standard than the state schools
  - Also ability levels for both state schools and Catholic schools - separation due to wealth and getting into grammar schools
  - Currently protestant state schools that are the worst
  - Can’t always attribute these changes as being the intention of the state
- Housing - nothing is getting worse really - however the improvements are not being handed out fairly
  - Proportion of who got offered housing was about fair - however locations not fair - don’t want people moving between areas because then voting patterns change and voting outcomes become unpredictable
- By denying legitimate means of non-violent protest - the Northern Irish government caused the subsequence violence - Donohue

Week 4 (18/10/2016) - The Civil Rights Movement

- Different groups involved with Civil Rights Movement
• Republicanism seem to come down to the simple statement ‘Brits out’ - fair criticism to say republicanism has failed to take into account the protestant community?
  o Take in an ethnic understanding of being Irish - not geographic - loyalists Irish or foreigners?
  o Don’t see protestants as non-Irish - more the hope that loyalists lose their disillusionment with British rule
• Is the IRA sectarian? - anti-protestant in nature?
  o Not the same thing - non-sectarian aims
  o Why bomb a commercial enterprise in a city centre?
    ▪ Symbolic attack on a protestant community
    ▪ Purely practical - insurance companies having to pay out - destabilising NI and proving very expensive for Britain
  o Why bomb a protestant pub?
    ▪ A sort of community centre
    ▪ Unifying thing for an area - tangible attack on an area
  o ‘the other community’ - the enemy rather than protestants
  o ‘You can’t bomb a million protestants into a united Ireland but you can have fun trying’ - supposedly said by an IRA volunteer
• Mulvenna Reading
  o Level of violence increased naturally - defenders of the community
  o New circumstance arisen and adopted a new role to fill the need
  o Violence between protestant gangs - fed into a broader cultural divide
  o Offered some insights into how NI not so different - certain common elements that are a part of British (youth) culture
    ▪ Football gangs similar to Glasgow
    ▪ Individuals within large groups can overreact - start things
  o Northern Ireland not all that removed from the rest of the world - elements of British culture present in Northern Ireland
  o Sense that there are a lot of very small events taking place that are driving people to paramilitarism
• Football - natural progression to joining a paramilitary organisation?
  o Derry Football Club left NI league in early 1970s to join Republic league
  o 3 protestant clubs and one catholic clubs in Belfast
  o Tribalism of football replicated
  o Surrounded by likeminded, violent individuals
  o Similarity in the marching - passing through resentful areas to them
  o Examples of people following this?
    ▪ Billy Hutchinson - relatively fast progression from fighting to cold blooded murder
    ▪ Fairly common route into joining paramilitary groups
• Other events driving people towards paramilitary groups
  o Bloody Friday - to avenge attacks on Protestant communities
  o St Matthews - IRA shooting on Protestant paraders
  o Pub bombings in Belfast
  o Shooting of prominent Protestants
  o Housing - helping people move out of areas