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Southern Protestants plus their socio-economic, political and religious interactions more. Historians in southern Ireland, who examine the interaction of religion with social and political policy, tend to fixate on the Roman Catholic Church. Southern Protestants plus their socio-economic, political and religious interactions within wider society are often ignored. “Clare wonderfully illuminates the degree to which Shaw's Irish identity remained the great constant in his protean career.” Fintan O'Toole, The Irish Times. Irish Protestant Identities. Book Â· January 2008 with 6 Reads. Publisher: Manchester University Press. Catholic districts show on average significantly lower educational performance than Protestant districts. However, accounting for other sociocultural characteristics qualifies the role of religion for educational production. The evidence suggests that Catholicism is harmful only in a conservative milieu.