From an Irish-American perspective it used to be much more offensive than I would consider it to be now. In large cities police would refer to large transports for city transportation to the local jail as “paddy-wagons.” Implying that they had to round up all the drunk Irishmen from the bars and throw them in jail overnight. Also Mick was just a general term for Irish trying to assimilate into the American culture. As in “We’ve got to keep those lazy Mick’s out of our union or they’ll steal all our jobs.” It was a play on last names like my own that start with Mc. Prejudice against the Irish i “The Irish are going to send some men to the sun in a few months” time. That’s much farther away than the moon, you know.” The Englishman was very surprised when he heard this. “Oh, yes, it is,” he said, but the sun’s too hot for people to go to.” The Irishman laughed and answered, “Well, the Irish aren’t stupid, you know. We won’t go to the sun during the day, of course. We’ll go there during the night.” The Irish Government does not require you to renounce your US citizenship when exercising your right to apply for an Irish passport. My girlfriend and I are both Chinese citizens. We have been working in Ireland since early 2012 on work permits, and we had a baby boy late in 2015. Is the baby entitled to Irish citizenship? Yes. I am a British citizen whose parents were born in Ireland. If I apply for an Irish passport, will I have to give up my British citizenship? No. If you are an Irish citizen, you may hold dual citizenship, that is, citizenship of another country. British citizens are also allowed to hold dual citizenship. This means that you do not have to renounce your British citizenship when you apply for an Irish passport.