

The Tories: who would have thought it?

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From [Wikipedia](#):

*As a political term, Tory was an insult (derived from the [Middle Irish](#) word *tÃ³raidhe*, modern [Irish](#) *tÃ³raÃ-*, meaning "[outlaw](#)", "robber", from the Irish word *tÃ³ir*, meaning "pursuit" since outlaws were "pursued men")[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#) that entered [English politics](#) during the [Exclusion Bill](#) crisis of 1678–1681.*

I have seen it said that the description 'toe-rag' has the same etymology. That's not commonly suggested. I can easily see that it is possible, especially given the use made of it in Scotland.

Who would have thought it?