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How White was the Wash?:
Bloody Sunday, 1972, and Memory
Creation in the Widgery Report

Recent scholars have dismissed the Widgery Report's memory of Bloody Sunday, 1972, as hegemonic and have ignored the greater complexity of Widgery's task in chairing the tribunal that created it, including the multi-faceted nature of the already existing memories and his motives of mediation, as well as his limited power in memory control. I will analyze the Widgery Report's memory of Bloody Sunday, 1972, as well as the context in which it was written. I will argue that the intent of the report was not hegemony, but rather to mediate between the Army and Catholic versions of the memory for a more acceptable official memory that would bring some peace.