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An Ontario Superior Court judge recently declared it is time to scrap the practice of routinely asking jurors in Toronto and the surrounding area if their ability to render an impartial verdict could be affected by the fact the accused is Black [see Readings]. Write a two page analysis answering the following two part question:

- 1) How is it possible to say ... "We live in the world of Spike Lee – not that portrayed by Harper Lee" ... when one is referencing Canadian race relations?; and
- 2) Which 'theoretical perspective'* (i.e., e.g., formal legalism or formal equality, racialization, anti-racism, substantive equality, human rights, etc.,) do you subscribed to that best explains and captures this phenomenon?

*A theoretical perspective is a set of assumptions about reality that underlies the questions we ask and the kinds of answers we arrive at as a result.