

THE POLITICAL CULTURE OF RACE AND RACISM

Second Assignment

Due date: October 20

Write out the text of a 500-word speech to a YFS meeting, or a meeting of a local board of education or municipal government. Please use references where you are drawing on source material. As always, try to make your speech as strongly reasoned as possible.

Please choose one of the following topics:

1. Why this body should (or should not) call for an Indigenous History Month to be celebrated every year.
2. Why this body should (or should not) promote the idea of York University/the local school system/this municipality as a “sanctuary” in which migrants, refugees and others will be safe from possible deportation.
3. Why this body should or should not support a proposal to have the singing of “Oh Canada” at sporting events replaced by a recitation of the first six articles of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.
4. Why this school board should (or should not) support the renaming of Ontario’s Family Day as Viola Desmond Day.
5. Why this body should (or should not) call for a suspension of normal activities and their replacement by special anti-racism events on March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.