

Perspectives on Conflict

Observation Tool Displacement Theory

As you watch *Mirror, Mirror: Northern Ireland*, look for evidence that can be explained (at least in part) by displacement theory.

Evidence of maintaining group (social) identity:

Rituals

Symbols

Narcissism of minor differences

Evidence of conflict escalation or escalated conflict

Perceived threat to core identity or prestige

Pre-occupation with the “enemy”

Stereotyping

Dehumanization

Demonization

Muscle-flexing or acts of violence

From the perspective of this theory, what questions would you want to ask or inquiry/experiments would you want to conduct in order to better analyze the conflict ?