

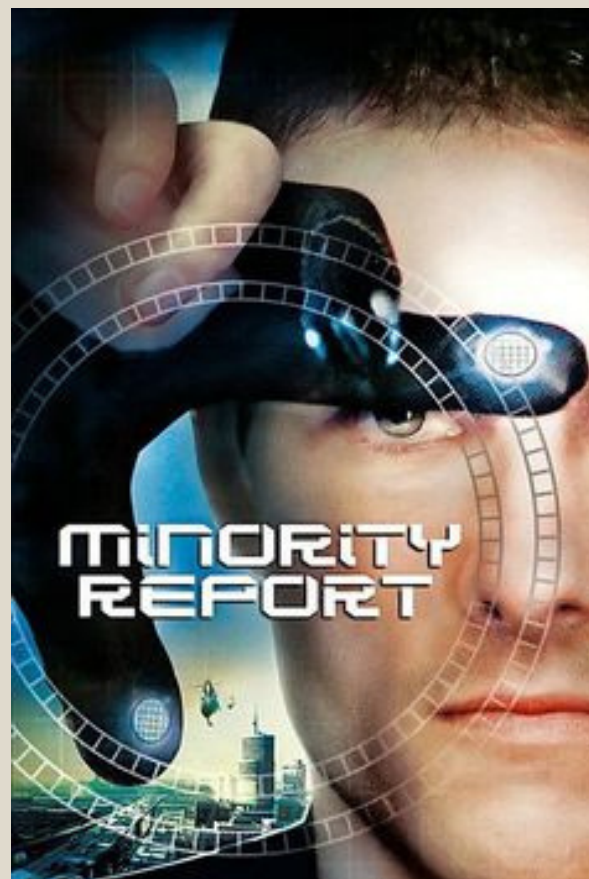
MINORITY REPORT

UTOPIA OR DYSTOPIA ?



In October 2002, the film **Minority Report** by **Steven Spielberg** was released.

We can see the famous actor, **Tom Cruise**, embodying the role of **John Anderton**, a squad leader at **PreCrime**. **PreCrime** is an organisation which stops crimes by using 3 precognitives able to see the future in order to arrest the murderers before they commit a crime. One day, the precognitives have predicted the murder of **Leo Crow** killed by **John Anderton** himself. Then, **John** decides to flee to prove his innocence and finds out that the precognitives' predictions can sometimes be different according to the 3 people. **Agatha** is the thoughts' leader. **Anderton** took her with him but discovers that he is not **Minority Report**: the prediction is correct. Finally, we find out that the **PreCrime's** director committed a murder to create the organisation which is, remember it, an organisation against crimes.



WHY IS MINORITY REPORT A DYSTOPIC STORY ?

At first sight, we can think that **Minority Report** is a utopic film. Indeed, stop crimes suppress a mortality and criminality element. Whereas, this story is in fact a dystopia because people think that the company doesn't have any flaw: all the crimes have been eradicated. Behind this pretty image is hidden a terrible reality. First of all, the precognitives were normal humans before, children of drugs addicts. They have been genetically modified and have acquired the ability of seeing the future. They have been exploited by **PreCrime** which uses them to make the organisation work. The precognitives are locked up all day and night submerged under water and the electrodes on their head transcribe the visions on a screen.

Then, people expected to be the future murderers are imprisoned and sentenced while they have not committed any crime. Indeed, these people are put in prison without any trial, any lawyer to defend them: without any justice. The precognitives' visions can be false and crimes that "will" be made are mostly murderous impulses, there's no evidence the pre-accused murderer will commit the crime.

WHAT CAN WE CONCLUDE ?

PreCrime organisation wants to act well by eliminating criminality but enslaves humans and convicts a number of innocent for life.

Eventually, trying to act well is not doing even worse ?

