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PASS/FAIL ASSIGNMENT – DUE MAY 4

Read Risinger's article "Innocents Convicted". Please answer the following questions:

- (a) Who are Paleyites and Romillists? What do they represent? Which group does Risinger side with? See PART II.
- (b) How does Risinger arrive at the 3.3% figure (p. 778)? Carefully reconstruct each step in the reasoning leading to the 3.3% figure. What does this percentage represent? See PART III.
- (c) What is the "Blackstone Ratio" (p. 791)? What is the "Reform Ratio" (p.796)? How are they related? What does Risinger think we should do about wrongful convictions? See PART VI.