

IS YOUR COSTUME INAPPROPRIATE?

LETS AVOID CULTURAL APPROPRIATION, RACISM AND HARMFUL STEREOTYPES THIS HALLOWEEN

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WILL YOU BE:
USING MAKEUP TO ALTER YOUR SKIN TONE OR REPLICATE FEATURES OF ANOTHER CULTURE?

YES

Using makeup to give yourself the appearance of another skin tone or culture is racist, no matter what day it is

NO

Good choice, don't be racist

3

DOES YOUR COSTUME:
PLAY INTO NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES OF A CULTURE THAT'S NOT YOUR OWN?

YES

If you wear a culture as a costume it is called cultural appropriation.

NO

You're good to continue!

2

DOES YOUR COSTUME:
HAVE THE NAME OF AN ETHNICITY IN THE TITLE?

NO

You're good to continue!

YES

Are you a member of that racialized group?

YES

You've earned the right to reclaim or critique.

NO

These are caricatures of a group of people Marginalized people are not your costume inspiration.

4

ARE YOU DRESSING UP:
AS AN OFFENSIVE OR QUESTIONABLE HISTORICAL FIGURE?

YES

The glorification of these individuals is inappropriate.

NO

Wonderful!

5

IS YOUR COSTUME:
MEANT TO BE "FUNNY" BECAUSE IT USES THE REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS?

YES

Belittling another person's experiences and struggles is never okay, don't use marginalized groups as your punchline. Eg. homelessness

NO

Fantastic! Enjoy dressing up and have a great Halloween.

BE CONSIDERATE THIS HALLOWEEN



SOMETHING TO CONSIDER ABOUT APPROPRIATION AND RACISM:

FOR YOU, IT'S ONE NIGHT AS ANOTHER PERSON. YOU CAN RETURN TO PRIVILEGE ONCE YOU REMOVE THE COSTUME - MARGINALIZED PEOPLE CANNOT.