

# IS YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME **RACIST**

## ASK YOURSELF

- ▶ Is my costume supposed to be funny? Is the humour based on making fun of real people, human traits, or cultures?
- ▶ Does my costume represent a culture that is not my own?
- ▶ Does my costume reduce cultural difference to jokes or stereotypes?
- ▶ Does my costume package include words like "traditional", "ethnic", "colonial", "authentic", or "tribal"?

Would I be embarrassed or ashamed if someone from the group I'm portraying saw me wearing this?

Are you **REALLY** going to wear someone's culture as a costume?

Have questions or want more information? [intercultural.u@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:intercultural.u@mail.ubc.ca) or visit [really.ubc.ca](http://really.ubc.ca)

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