

## BEFORE YOUR PARTY, ASK YOURSELF:

- Does this event rely on stereotypes of certain groups or encourage offensive dress?
- Does the event/title stereotype a certain gender?
- Is your theme centered on “making fun” of a particular people/culture/campus group? Even if it is not, will people “Go there?”
- Would you be willing to send photos of your event to your parents, your inter/national office, the CAMPUS NEWSPAPER, or YOUR COLLEGE president?

## THINGS TO AVOID:

- Blackface
- Men dressing like women/women dressing like men
- Using the word “Ho” in the title of the event
- Wearing letters that are not your own
- Culturally insensitive themes
- Encouraging costumes with minimal clothing

## DON'T LET YOUR PARTIES LOOK LIKE THIS:



These organizations faced a loss of recognition as a result of these parties. By avoiding racially and culturally sensitive words and themes, fraternity and sorority members can prove respect for and acceptance of the communities in which they live.

# ALL FUN, NO FOUL: CREATIVE YET INOFFENSIVE PARTY THEMES

*Taken straight from the party planning archives of actual colleges and universities, these are some of the best themes we've seen:*

- Heroes and Villains
- Disco Party
- Decade themes
- Mardi Gras
- Toga! Toga!
- Famous Couples
- Winter Wonderland (snow party)
- Safari
- Rodeo
- Movie themes
- Mad Men or other television show themes
- Viva Las Vegas
- Castaway/Shipwrecked
- Sporting event themes
- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Party like a Rock Star (celebrity themes)
- Once Upon a Time (fairy tale themes)
- Casino Night
- April Fool's Day Party
- Fire and Ice
- Superheroes
- My Tie (mystery match-up themes)
- Outer Space/Aliens
- Premiere (Hollywood theme)
- New Year's Eve Again

## BETTER THEMES:

