

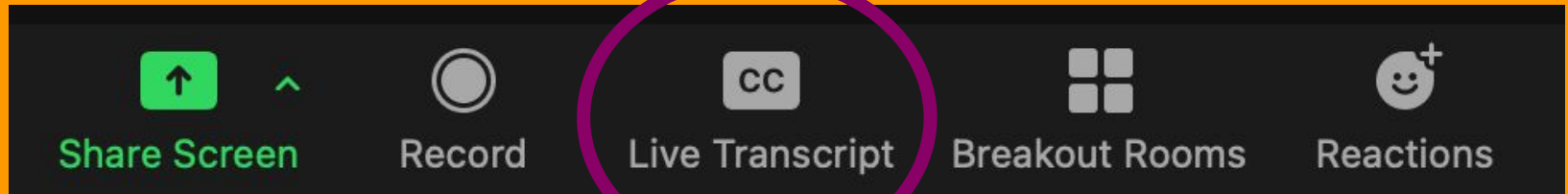
BOO BIGOTRY: COSTUMES & CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

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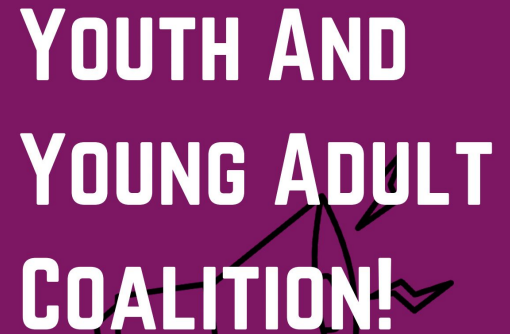
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The Ohio Student Association



OSA is a political home for young people in Ohio. We are a statewide grassroots organization led by young people and anchored by student-led chapters on college campuses across the state. Here's what we do:

- Organize young people to build independent political power
- Craft strategic campaigns and take direct action to win on the issues that impact us and our communities
- Grassroots organizing training and political education



CULTURAL
APPROPRIATION

DEFINITION

Cultural appropriation is the inappropriate or unacknowledged adoption of an element or elements of one culture or identity by members of another culture or identity. This can be controversial when members of a dominant culture appropriate from minority cultures.



EXAMPLES?





- In recent years, we have seen more people speak about their culture being used as costumes.
- These costumes, though what people think as harmless fun, actually add to the very harmful stereotypes or dismisses the actual history and meaning behind the culture



CULTURE NOT COSTUMES

- Geisha
- Native Americans
- Hula Girl/Boy
- Chola Culture
- “Arab”
- dia de los Muertos/Day of the dead



HARMFUL COSTUMES

- “Thug”
- “Terrorist”
- “HOBO”
- Any costume that is representative as a harmful figure in history
- “Mental patient”
- Any costume that pokes fun at a disability



WHEN THE COSTUME GOES TOO FAR

Black face is never a good idea... NEVER.

Darkening your skin for a costume is just in bad taste

Mocking Serious issues.



Wow



Heidi Klum dressed as Hindu Goddess Kali

- According to the Times of India, the Hindu statesman Rajan Zed stated, "Goddess Kali is highly revered in Hinduism and she is meant to be worshipped in temples and not to be used in clubs for publicity stunts or thrown around loosely for dramatic effect."



Colton Haynes as Gandhi

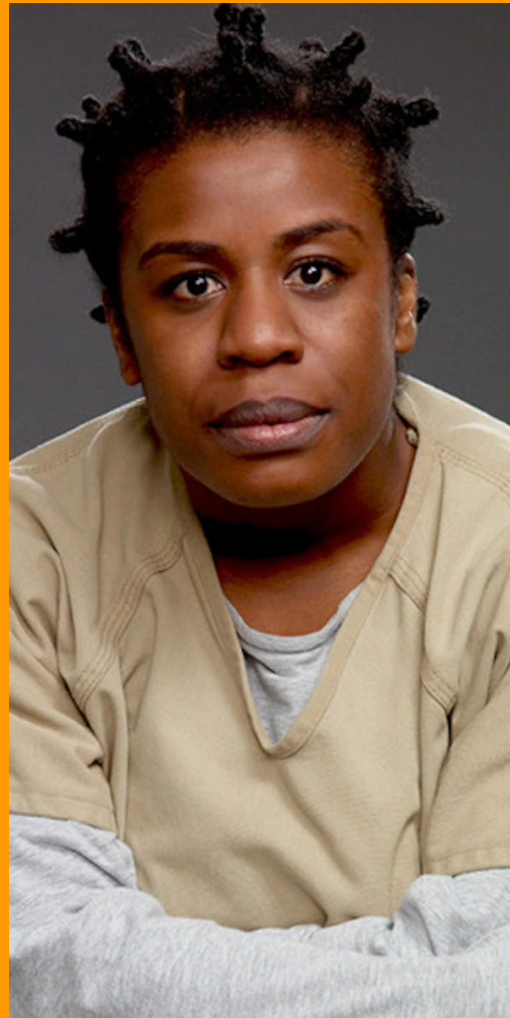
Black Face

Prosthetics to mock
Gandhi's ethnic
features



Jennifer Hough as Crazy Eyes

Black face is just
a no, I don't know
how many time we
have to say this.



Cultural Appreciation

Often times, people use the excuse they want to appreciate the culture but you can actually do that without dressing up in costume, but instead educating yourself.

Often times some cultures will invite you to take part in certain ceremonies that require you to dress in traditional garments and they will give you those garments to wear.

COSTUMES DONE RIGHT

Beyonce

Black Panther

Collin Kaepernick

