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: