

HALLOWEEN ISN'T SO BAD

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[The following is an effective way for a church to announce Halloween “alternatives” at their church or other local churches. The Lawyer is introduced by the Pastor or other person as “a lawyer for the ACLU.”]

LOU SIFFER

Good morning, and thank you. That’s the nicest greeting I’ve received in a long time. Usually the whole crowd boos me.

I’m Lou, Lou Siffer. I’m a lawyer with the ACLU – that’s the Americanized Civilized Liberal Union. I would like to thank your pastor for the opportunity to speak to you about a very important issue.

As you know, the times are changing and we can no longer sit idly by as peoples’ rights are trampled under the foot of others. I’m here today to announce that the ACLU is taking a bold step in assuring that no one is denied his, or her, constitutional right to take part in this year’s Halloween festivities.

It has been brought to our attention that many people are denying their children the right to take part in the many fun, and safe, activities that will take part this Halloween.

The ACLU is ready to file suits against parents that are out to spoil their children’s fun. Why would we do this? Because we’re the ACLU, that’s why. And we do know what’s best for America.

After all, Halloween isn’t so bad.

I would be willing to bet that most of you grew up taking part in all the fun associated with this wonderful time of year. Along with most of you, I had a lot of fun during Halloween – and I turned out okay. Right?

Besides, those stories about children being poisoned from Halloween candy are grossly over-exaggerated. Sure, it happens every year; but the number of deaths compared to the number of participants is so small, it’s not even worth mentioning.

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And those stories about the increase in the number of kidnappings are pure nonsense. It's probably just a coincidence that kidnappings and ritual abuse increase during this time of year. I mean, you don't actually believe that there are people out there that would want to harm your children or use them as a sacrifice in some satanic ritual do? Why, that's just silly.

We at the ACLU respect your religious convictions – we just want you to keep them to yourselves. We understand that you may not want your children to take part in something that might have some slightly negative aspects to it.

However, this is America, and we should strive to be more tolerant of other's beliefs - unless, of course, that belief offends somebody.

So relax, let your kids have some fun. What harm is there in a little demon worship or celebration of the dead that's done in the name of fun. Why, even the Constitution guarantees each one of us the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – in other words, the right to have fun.

So, do what the world does! And remember, we'll be watching you. Why? Because we're the ACLU, that's why. And we do know what's best for America.

Thank you for your time and attention.

[Lou Siffer exits.]

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