



What’s Your Opinion?

Last week we asked students What their favorite movie to watch on Halloween was.

Out of 7 people who responded, here are results:

Rocky Horror Picture Show - In this cult classic, sweethearts Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a storm, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite scientist.

Scary Godmother’s Halloween Spectacular - When a group of four boarding school students discover a supercomputer housed inside an abandoned factory, they find a virtual world called Lyoko and awaken a sentient multi-agent system virus that tries to take over the real world.

It’s The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown! - With fall in full swing, the Peanuts gang prepares for Halloween

Beetlegeuse - After Barbara and Adam Maitland die in a car accident, they find themselves stuck haunting their country residence, unable to leave the house.

Coraline - While exploring her new home, a girl named Coraline discovers a secret door, behind which lies an alternate world that closely mirrors her own.

Halloweentown - Marnie and her kids get a big shock when they follow grandma home to Halloweentown - and find out they come from a family of witches.

Alien - In deep space, the crew of the commercial starship Nostromo is awakened from their cryo-sleep capsules halfway through their journey home to investigate a distress call from an alien vessel.

Next Week’s Poll:

Monster Mash

If a monster were to break into your house on Halloween night, which monster would you want it to be?

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Nobody is Going to Give Your Child Drugs for Halloween

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Growing up, I was not allowed to go trick-or-treating. My mother told us horror stories of children getting poisoned candy or apples with razor blades in them. Obviously these horror stories have been around long enough that they have been accepted as fact, as every year different news publications

put out warnings to parents, telling them the safest bet is to go to a safe, local Halloween party instead of going door-to-door. More recently, news stations have claimed that trick-or-treating children may be given drugs in the form of THC gummies in their Halloween baskets. While their intentions may be pure, their facts are definitely not correct.

The most famous case of Halloween candy poisoning happened in 1974, when eight-year-old Timothy O’Bryan died after eating Pixie Stix laced with cyanide. However, it was not trick-or-treating that caused Timothy’s death, but instead it was the work of Timothy’s father Ronald, who killed his son for the insurance money.

In 2000, trick-or-treaters in Hercules, California came home with packets of marijuana that looked like miniature Snickers bars. After a police investigation, it was revealed that the packets had come from a postal worker

who had found a package containing the drugs in his office and had brought them home and handed them out, thinking they were candy.

The only confirmed case of a foreign object being found in a candy bar was in 1988, when Maryland Hospital Center discovered a needle in a candy bar. However, there was never an arrest or resolution to the case.

Scares like this have even popped up in Arkansas. In October of 2004, an email was sent to parents impersonating the North Little Rock Police Department, saying that someone was found giving school children lollipops that look like “Maple Leafs, Pumpkins & Santa Claus” and that police in Blytheville had found several of these tainted treats. NLRPD released a statement denying that they had ever received any information about drugged candy and that they had never provided the warning the email claimed they did. Police in Blytheville

also denied the claim of ever having seen the lollipops. While drug-laced lollipops do exist, there are no reports of them being handed out to children.

Evan Nison, executive director of the New Jersey chapter of NORML, which is pushing to legalize marijuana, says that “cannabis consumers are not looking to dose children with cannabis. That is not something I’ve ever heard of anybody ever being interested in doing or wanting to do or would think is ethical. This is just something that some police officers sometimes say every year, never really comes to fruition, and is just a scare tactic.”

The fact of the matter is that drugs are expensive, and nobody is going to give theirs away to a child, even as a joke. While you may still feel more comfortable checking your child’s candy and only taking them to safe, approved Halloween parties, know that if you didn’t, there would still be nothing to fear.

The Philosophy of Candy Corn

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Candy corn and its surrounding philosophy is fundamentally flawed. The question of if the candy corn ideology (and accompanying social order) will collapse on itself is not worth discussing here: my space is scarce and there is plenty of academic literature to read if one is not convinced. The issue worth discussing now is when there will be a crisis that collapses the candycornalist hegemony and how to best make use of this inevitable event.

This article will not be discussing

the when - that is an issue better suited for longer writing forms and public discussion. What will be addressed here are ways in which society might (and in some cases must) change in a postcandycornist world. After the collapse, action must be swift to ensure that some unfavorable ideology doesn’t take over (god forbid licoricism becomes the dominant cultural mode). For this reason, it is vital to have a plan of action for the change of the systems and forms of society at large.

The first change that must occur in this shift is the elimination of the candycourgeois as a class. By seizing the means of producing candy corn (and destroying it - I don’t advocate for the equally blasphemous model of candycornunism) we ensure that this crisis never repeats itself.

What must also be swiftly performed is the shame and exile of those who subjected us to this unjust and immoral system. Candycorngeois intellectuals (such as the individual known as “Brach”) must be exposed as the frauds they are.

I list these first two not because they are the most important, but because they are the most immediately pressing; there are larger structural changes that must be done after society is reformed. Most notable, and most difficult, would be the gradual

shift of the global October candy supply away from a candy-corn based system. This will be a fierce battle that is not a guaranteed victory: there is still no definitive solution to the economic candculation problem. The collapse is inevitable - victory is not.

Finally, and most importantly, there must be a change of heart in all people.



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