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| **They Say** | **I Say** |
| 1. Cost in time and manpower to police on Saturday Halloween.  * Teens out all night * Egging/vandalizing/”usual Halloween Havoc”  1. End tiresome debates  * No more discussion over politically correct costumes * No more obsession with costumes (jailbird costumes make kids think prison is ok) * No more debate over what to hand trick-or-treaters * Lures kids into occult  1. End adults co-opting the holiday for themselves.  * Ridiculous costumes (coke cans) * Like Trix, Halloween is for kids  1. End the nuisance of Trick-or-Treating  * No more hiding in your house with an endless doorbell ringing * No more going out even if you don’t feel like it * No more pretending to coo over kids in costumes * Despite dutiful candy handouts, still gets egged. | 1. If this Halloween havoc is that bad, the police are probably very prepared for it every year, and therefore account it into their yearly budget and daily scheduling. In addition, saying teens are going to be out all night causing this havoc by egging and vandalizing is an example of stereotyping. 2. Whether it is Halloween or the merits of mustard over ketchup, people will always be debating tiresomely over something. It is a natural part of human nature. Also, Halloween, and similar holidays, has been celebrated by various cultures for millennia. 3. I’m very confused how a holiday can be co-opted. The point of most holidays is to celebrate with friends and family. Halloween is no different. What about those adults with children? Are they not allowed to dress up? 4. Asking others to end their traditions because of your intolerance is outlandish. If you cannot stand the costumes, shouts of trick-or-treat or your endless doorbell rings, there are other solutions. |