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As Lindsay Lohan's character in "Mean Girls" put it, "Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it."

But not everyone is simply looking to add a pair of bunny ears to their unmentionables and call it a look. A costume with fright appeal can still win the day.

In the debating spirit, RedEye asked residents and costume shop employees which Halloween costume style they prefer -- and which dominates the streets of Wrigleyville. While some said zombie brides are totally in, others agreed that the "Mean Girls" philosophy still rules.

Check the gallery below for some costume ideas from the [Halloweve Party](#) and in neighborhood stores.

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Past attendees at Chicago Sport and Social Club's Halloweve Party

"We definitely see more slutty costumes," said Zoe Dufault of [Hollywood Mirror](#). "I just heard some girl say, 'I don't care about my costume, I just want to get drunk.'"

Hollywood Mirror sells vintage clothing, wigs, accessories and packaged costumes, but Dufault said one of the more popular requests is fishnets paired with "risqué angel's wings and body paint," according to Dufault.

Every year, Lars Geary, owner of Tickets 312 near the Addison Red Line "L" stop, said every year he sees more and more skin on the streets of Wrigleyville.

"There are girls that will wear a thong with devil horns," said Geary who acknowledges that it's acceptable in a party-centric neighborhood like Wrigleyville.

Some have no objections to scantily-clad party-goers, wherever they hail from.

"I like old-school slutty, yet nice," said Varen Vij, 24. "I prefer girls to look decent."

But not everyone's on board when it comes to the less-is-more approach to Halloween.

"I'm not into the slutty Halloween thing," said Grace Deveney, 23. "If you want to dress like that, you should just own it and do it every day."

Adult novelty store [Cupid's Treasures](#) sells sex year-round, so clerk Daniel Johnston doesn't buy into the Halloween hype.

"Halloween is about getting slutty, but you don't need a holiday for that," he said. "Mainly people come in here looking for fishnets and corsets, but our costumes are tamer compared to other products that we sell."

While sex stores may not have anyone asking for a scary costume, employees at stores like Halloween pop-up shop [Halloween Hallway](#) say they see an equal amount of requests for both sexy and scary looks.

"There's still a trend for sexy costumes, but it's turning back to the roots of Halloween with scary costumes," said manager Brad Babcock.

For those looking to invoke fear, not lust, popular choices include vampires and zombies.



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"I think zombies are hip," said Ron Kelly, manager at [the \\$3 Store](#), "In the movie genre, zombies are easy."

This year, Kelly received requests for a zombie secretary, a zombie bride and a "horde of hipster zombies," whom he dressed in oversized sweaters from the '90s.

Jonathon Rivera, 20, said he considers himself a horror movie buff and prefers costumes with blood, guts and gore to skin, but he said going for a full-bore fright fest might be a challenge for women digging through piles of "sexy nun" looks.

"When girls go out and buy costumes, it's hard for them to find something scary," he said, while adding, "I prefer costumes stay scary, because that's what it's all about."

The [Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation](#) had some thoughts about how Halloween costumes reflect societal standards for women.

"Men, on their own, probably wouldn't say that they fantasize about a woman in a skimpy firefighter outfit," said executive director Rachel Durchslag. "Now that it's accepted, women feel they need to live up to these standards."

While some find the holiday has veered too far from its spooky roots, others are looking to find a happy medium.

Jason Serdar, 24 said, "I like to see sexy zombies -- a combination of both worlds. But I want it to go old-school again where people carry pumpkin pails and wear white ghost sheets."

*Would you rather have a costume that spooks or one that bares it all?*

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Unfortunately, the scary Halloween costume is an apparently unacceptable thing for a woman to wear these days. Last Halloween, my roommate and I donned some pretty scary (but pretty cool) zombie costumes and makeup and went out in Boystown and in Wrigleyville. Never have I received such looks of annoyance and general disdain from men and women alike (think of the scene in Mean Girls when Lindsay Lohan shows up to the party as a zombie bride). People literally looked at us as though we had insulted them. Or killed their first-born child. We even got some nice eye-rolling from douchey, overly tanned couples dressed as a cowboy and cowgirl and Ken and Barbie (how original). No more scary costumes for me. I'll stick with sexy from now on.

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