

CREEPY CLOWN SIGHTINGS  
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One of the dominant stories in the local news has been the "creepy clown sightings." For those who have no idea what I'm talking about, this is when someone dresses up like a clown and makes an appearance in public, but far enough from the public that they can get away without being caught. However, instead of your traditional clown faces, those designed to evoke smiles and laughter from children and adults alike, they're using their makeup and costumes to make themselves appear as terrifying as humanly possible.

What surprises me isn't that people are doing this - it is, after all, October, which means that Halloween's just around the corner - it's that the public, lamestream media and even the police are treating this as a threat to public safety. For instance, the other day, there was a creepy clown sighting by a school, and the first thing everyone did was put the school on lockdown. That evening, on our local lamestream media channel, there was talk about how people should exercise caution in the near future and contact law enforcement if they seen someone dressed as a creepy clown.

I don't get it. Why is someone dressing up as a creepy clown such a big deal? It's October, for crying out loud! People have started decorating their homes, schools and businesses with Halloween decorations, others are paying their local haunted houses to dress up and terrify them, and at the end of October, all of the kids are going to be out in the streets, Trick-or-Treating, dressed up as everything from Superman to, you guessed it, creepy clowns." So tell me, why is everyone considering it such an offense for someone to dress up as a creepy clown? They're literally not doing anything, other than making a brief appearance before disappearing from sight, and in broad daylight, no less! So far as I can tell, not one of these people (assuming it's more than one person doing it) has said or done anything remotely threatening. People's fears, and society's response, all come from nothing more than the clowns' appearance, the clothes they're wearing, the faces painted on with makeup, or the wigs worn. Whatever happened to being "innocent until proven guilty?" Seriously, these people not only haven't been arrested, they haven't even been accused of doing anything illegal, and yet, they're being vilified as if they're running the neighborhood, stealing the souls of young children while they're asleep.

When you stop and think about it, there's only one difference between these creepy clown sightings and the #BlackLivesMatter movement, and that's the fact that no clowns have been shot yet, and something tells me that this is only because they've always managed to get away before cops showed up.

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