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Two quick random unrelated points:

One: (Please, no counter flames) I can't imagine anyone thinking (as Randy Haskin claims to) that Poltergeist is one of the scariest movies of all times. As a matter of fact, Poltergeist does not (in my opinion) portray "unfathomable" evil because there is no evil portrayed at all, except maybe for the cheap developer who doesn't move the bodies out of the graveyard. The dead "souls" are merely reacting to being mistreated (hardly an EVIL characteristic; scary maybe, evil no). I have nothing in particular against Spielberg, but didn't really get too excited by Poltergeist, though I am one of the few people I know that really liked Close Encounters of the Third Kind (which isn't too surprising, since Richard Dreyfuss is easily among my 3 favorite actors).

Two: If one wants to claim that the fact that the bad guys in the Pettridge Farms RotJ cookie collection are all chocolate is slightly racist, then one might as well claim that calling it the "dark" side of the force is equally racist. In fact, I would hazard a guess that the distinction between the "light" and "dark" side of the force is the distinction Pettridge Farm is making (assuming it isn't purely coincidence).

Greg