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You don't want to be part of the problem of childhood obesity in America or child slavery on cacao plantations around the world, not to mention contributing to all the plastic candy wrappers that will make their way to the ocean. But you don't want your house TP'ed for being that killjoy who hands out oranges on Halloween. Are there other options to Halloween candy?

The Problem

Complex corporate structures make it hard to know what candy companies are really up to.

CSRHub ranks Mars, the largest confectioner in the world, in the 62nd percentile among food companies across corporate social responsibility, environment, social, and governance metrics. They note Nestlé's involvement in

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But the U.S. Department of Labor reports that children in Côte d'Ivoire engage in the worst forms of child labor, including in the harvesting of cocoa and coffee, sometimes as a result of human trafficking. The scariest thing about Halloween could be the treats you offer at your front door.

Eco-Treats

Not all commercially produced candy is horrifying. Some healthier snacks still feel like treats to kids and come