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hey all,

I take we have all seen either BLAIR WITCH PROJECT, CLOVERFIELD or either one (or both) of the PARANORMAL ACTIVITY films. or maybe we saw all of them. anyway, they are part of a horror subgenre know as "found footage". several factors make one of these films.

1. it is shot documentary-style
2. there is a "less is more" approach to telling the story, making the audience use their imagination to fill in the blanks
3. it starts with something innocent, like a wedding or someone showing off their new home, before things take a turn for the worse.
4. as the title infers, the person or persons who shoot the documentary winds up either dead or missing

in fact, when the ending has something like "Katie disappeared on the night of October 8th, 2008 and hasn't been seen since (PARANORMAL ACTIVITY)", that's a pretty good indication the studio is thinking a sequel. whether the sequel(s) are good or the movie warrants a sequel in the first place is irrelevant. the studio feels the audience might wonder "What happened to Katie?" "Is she alive or dead?" such is the case of all "found footage" films. did the person make it? did "pick-your-favorite-evil entity" survive and is it still out there? I look forward to hearing from folks about this. TTYL.