

Should other countries interfere in Brazil's domestic affairs for the integral goods of the world's environment regarding to the fire in the Amazon rainforest?

Should VS Should not

DEBATE TOPIC


# BACKGROUND

- The Amazon rainforest in Brazil caught on fire in January 2019. The fire has not been put out since then.
- The fire cleared at least 310,000 acres of the forest which is equivalent to 172,000 soccer fields only through 2019.
- Many believe that the Amazon rainforest is the “lung” of Earth.
- No studies indicate that the fire is caused by illegal deforestation.
- Brazil rejected 22million dollars aid from G7 to fight Amazon fire.



# FOR

- The Amazon rainforest is the world's largest rainforest, which can transform carbon dioxide into oxygen through photosynthesis.
- The destruction of Amazon rainforest would have negative impacts on the Earth, for example, environmental issues like climate change may be escalated.

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- The purpose of G7's aid is to save the rainforest instead of interfering with Brazil's sovereignty.
  - Brazilians are not able to control the fire and stop deforesting while maintaining their life.
  - Put out the fire and protect rainforest is for the mankind's own sake.


# A BRIEF ENVIRONMENTAL INFO

- Amazon Rainforest does not produce 20% of Earth's oxygen. The amount is only around 6-9% because there is not enough CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere for the trees to photosynthesis fifth (20%) of the plant's O<sub>2</sub>.
- However, all the trees in the Amazon needs oxygen to do "cellular respiration" in order for them to function.
- The final estimates of the net amount O<sub>2</sub> contribute by the Amazon is around 0%.



# AGAINST

- Brazil is a developing country whose extreme poverty has increased by 11% in 2017.
- The country relies heavily on agriculture and exports to maintain its economy.
- In other words, Brazilians **cannot afford** to halt the exploitation in the Amazon Rainforest or to aid the fire that is happening.
- Lately, city officials in Los Angeles and New York, the two biggest municipalities in the U.S, urge legislation to boycott Brazilian products.

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- The Brazilian government and people have always been worrying about foreign countries' intervention will lead to the domination of Brazil.
  - Several political leaders claim that, “contrary to what Brazilians think, the Amazon is not their property, it belongs to all of us”.
  - The president of Brazil was so keen to tell the world his people's sovereignty over the Amazon that he rejected the \$20-million aids provided by the G-7.

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a forest. The scene is dimly lit, with a vertical blue line running through the center. The text 'THANK YOU!' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image. The background shows the silhouettes of trees and foliage, with a misty or foggy atmosphere. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**THANK YOU!**



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