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Matt Finer et al. wrote an article entitled “combating deforestation: from satellite to intervention” (1). Brazil has the Amazon and the largest rainforest areas. Environmentalists said the revised laws in Brazil would create a culture in which illegal deforestation is acceptable (2). Farmers and the powerful agriculture lobby argue that the new laws allowed for continued growth of the sector key to the Brazilian economy, without bogging it down in adjudicating crimes of the past (2). Grace Mendonça, Brazil’s attorney general, defended the 2012 revisions as constitutional saying they had been designed to strike a balance between environmental protection and economic development (2). Balancing environmental protection and economic development means that money-making business may overpower deforestation problems. No matter how scientific evidences have been reported in the world, it may be extremely hard to resolve deforestation problems. Deforestation problems can be only solved by strong politics.

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