

Ethanol

Boon or Boondoggle?

National Geographic posed this question in October 2007

Debate: The US should drop the
tariff on Brazilian ethanol
(change to tariff for 08-09)

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Prep Work

- Answer National Geographic's question
 - Biofuels: Boon or Boondoggle?
- For 08-09 change to
 - Debate: The US should drop the tariff on Brazilian Ethanol
- Step 1: Set up Groups of 4
 - 2 on "boon" side (08-09 change to Affirmative Position)
 - 2 on the "boondoggle" side (08-09 change to Negative Position)
- Step 2:
 - Use <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2007/10/biofuels/clark-photography>
 - Read at least page 1 of the Feature Article
 - Compare at least American ethanol from corn and Brazilian ethanol from sugar
 - Use additional resources (optional)
 - (Option: give students hard copy and focus on p.44 & 47 - not as colorful or interactive)
 - 08-09 Students will also be required to read *Lean, green and not mean*, The Economist, June 28, 2008

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Mini Debate

- Step 3
 - Debate with your group of 4
 - Keep score of each point made
 - Alternate sides so there is equal opportunity to speak. A side can pass if not able to make a point.
 - Within your own side you must also alternate speaking.
 - The side with most “points” wins!
- Step 4
 - Class Debrief