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***TIME* Magazine Questions Biofuels**

The push for biofuels in the U.S. and around the world came under fire from *TIME* in its April 7 edition with a cover story found at <http://www.time.com/time/covers/0,16641,20080407,00.html> denouncing, “The Clean Energy Myth.” The article’s bottom line: When it comes to global warming, “biofuels aren’t part of the solution...they’re part of the problem.”

Biofuels production contributes to global warming because using land to grow fuel leads to destruction of forest, wetlands and grasslands that store enormous amounts of carbon, according to *TIME*. Much of the article’s focus is on the Amazon rain forest, but it suggests that deforestation there is partly related to the drive for ethanol in the U.S. The article describes a chain reaction scenario in which ethanol demand motivates U.S. soybean farmers to switch to corn, Brazilian soybean farmers react by expanding their crop planting into pasture land, and Brazilian cattlemen are then displaced into the Amazon.

TIME also reports that diverting food crops from dinner plates to fuel tanks is inflating world food prices and endangering the hungry.

To read the *TIME* article, go to <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1725975,00.html>.