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Comments: From extensive work, travel, and living across the borders of North America, I have heard praise and complaint for NAFTA. I am not sufficiently informed on the complexities of the agreement, but most of the negative responses to it come from Mexico. There people say the fruits of the agreement are only enjoyed by the owners of large companies at the expense of the campesinos. There has been land degradation as people struggle to adopt industrial land management practices in ill-advised ways to compete with US exports. This is not protecting the biodiversity, national heritage, or wild lands that I believe we should prioritize. Perhaps the exportation of nationally-subsidized goods should not be permitted. I understand that many crops are subsidized in the USA in the name of national defense; keep food production within the borders. I find it rather sinister then that we then export these crops to other countries and undermine the 'national defense' they may have themselves. Additionally, and at the risk of sounding audacious, I posit that the root of our environmental struggles is an ever-expanding population. If our intention is to 'develop' a 'developing' nation such as Mexico, I believe we need to do so keeping in mind the population boom that industrialization brings through more available resources and health care. Perhaps a more holistic 'development' should be offered with this in mind: professional incentives for women; appropriate sex/health education; free, widely-available contraceptives... Just a few thoughts. Thanks for your time!