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## Study Notes on the Brazilian Amazon Countryside

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### Abstract

Since June of 2003 we have worked as consultant in native Amazonian communities. Our goal with this article is to describe our experiences as a consultant and researcher in the largest tropical forest on earth. To that end, we organized our arguments describing the authoritarianism of the development policies in the Amazon, the top to bottom policies, the reverse accountability, the reproduction of poverty hand in hand with the environmental destruction and, finally, on new paths, we make our final considerations. Our methodology is based on facts witnessed over these years, without subtracting the viewpoint of an economist as a social scientist. Our in loco experiences allowed us to observe how the development institutions operate, how the social-political game is played in the interior of the Amazon, and how the communities deal with their limitations in political and economic representation. Our final considerations work toward bringing greater autonomy to the people who live in the communities. Even though they are poor, the people who live in the native Amazonian communities don't need philandering NGOs, inefficient development institutions and shameless policies. Thus, we work toward policies without middlemen, dealing with the families directly, without necessity of bookers or Amazon experts.

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