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A lot of critical reporting on Haiti has focused on the republic of NGOs and unmet aid pledges. Maura O'Connor highlights the damage caused by US farm subsidies in Foreign Policy. While this prospect is a bleak one for the domestic rice industry, others view it as a long-overdue change. For years, organizations from Oxfam to the Cato Institute have harshly criticized American rice subsidies for enabling the United States to dump its product in developing countries at depressed prices, making it difficult for small-scale farmers to export their own rice or compete in their local markets.

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