

already witnessed a job deficit situation as a result of the Canada-U.S. FTA. Moreover, members of this attitudinal group believe that Canada will not be able to compete with Mexico because of the lower wage levels in that country and that some Canadian plants will move their operations to Mexico in order to take advantage of the relatively low environmental standards there. In terms of trade disputes since the passage of the Canada-U.S. FTA, Old-fashioned Opponents believe that Canada has lost more of these controversies than they have won and many in this group favour a strong confrontational approach when airing our trade differences with the United States.

Resolute Antagonists

One in four (24%) Canadians can be characterized as Resolute Antagonists because of their steadfast opposition to less restricted international trade and for their particular fears that freer continental trade will negatively impact upon Canadian jobs and the overall shape of the Canadian welfare state. True to their name, the Resolute are unswayed in their opposition by a range of potential benefits which could accrue under a more liberal trading arrangement.

Demographically, Resolute Antagonists distinguish themselves from other segments of the Canadian population with their relative maturity (only one in four (25%) from this group were under 35 years of age compared to 37 percent of the larger sampling of Canadians) as well as for their modest incomes (34% of these individuals possess family incomes below \$30,000 compared to 29% who fit into this income level nationally). Resolute Antagonists also tend to be slightly less well educated than many other Canadians. Members of this group are over-represented in the province of Ontario while they are found with the least frequency in Quebec. Another important discriminating feature is their association with labour unions - fully 39 percent of these respondents reported that they themselves or a member of their immediate family were union members.

In terms of their attitudinal core, Resolute Antagonists are unquestionably traditional people who are also profoundly worried about the country's future. Members of this group are