

labour force in Mexico). In terms of the long term impact of such a trade agreement between Canada, Mexico and the U.S., this group was skeptical about any advantages. They made such comments as, "I can't see the long term advantages". Though some did indicate that benefits could exist for the long term, there remained a concern that Canada "would be swallowed up by the States even faster".

For the more negative group in Montreal, there was a somewhat more positive reaction to Canada being included in the free trade talks between Mexico and the United States. This group generally agreed that it is Canada's responsibility to be involved "even if we are only there as watchers". These Montreal participants felt that this trade is necessary for Canada and the agreement would only make North America more solid. These participants were very strong in their feeling that forming a North American alliance would be good in the context of globalization and international trade. One participant said, "We must not forget the Orient who are becoming strong". For these participants, the trade alliance would eventually reach state of balance for the countries involved. Not surprisingly however, some participants felt that "we should know more about free trade" before going ahead. On a humanitarian note, these participants felt that Canada would be more humane than the Americans; as expressed by one participant, "We would not try to exploit Mexicans as much as Americans".

Interestingly, it was the more negative group in Montreal whose reactions were similar to the more positive group in Toronto in terms of their support for a free trade zone including Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. These participants felt that the U.S.A. is a giant but does need Canada and that Canada has to be included in the agreement to become strong and to become a world competitor. They felt that if Canada does not become involved, it will be left behind