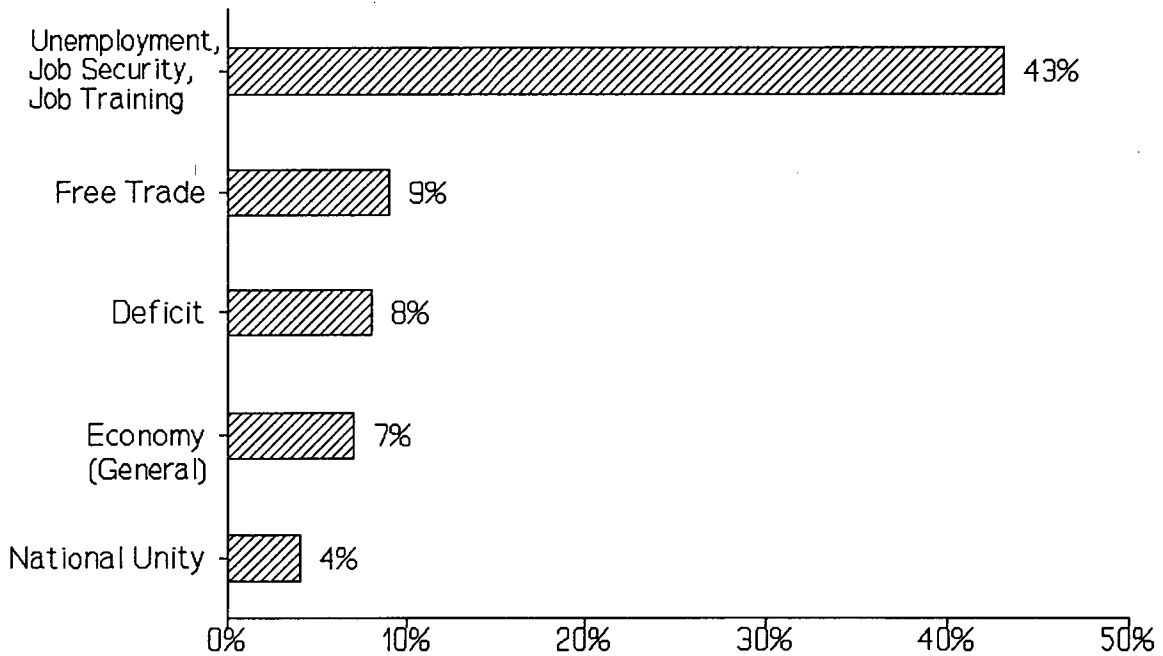


Canadians' pessimism about the economy is driven by their concern about job security and unemployment. Indeed, 43% volunteered "unemployment, job security, and job training" as the economic issue which requires the most attention from Canada's leaders (see Table 2). Unemployment was named as the most important economic issue in all regions, but concern is especially intense in Ontario (50%)

Other issues that are important from a regional perspective include the deficit (B.C., Alberta), and the free trade agreement with the United States (B.C., Québec).

Table 2

### Most Important Economic Issue



Note: Volunteered Responses to open-ended question