

understand the issue as well as they would like to. While there has been a slight increase since June 1987 in the percentage of respondents who do feel they understand the issue as well as they would like to, there has been virtually no change since the last sounding taken in May.

Not surprisingly, Canadians who say they understand the issue are more likely than average to say they are following the discussions closely (63%).

The only area of the country in which respondents' opinions appear to differ from the Canadian average with respect to these responses is Toronto. A higher than average percentage of Torontonians claim to be following the discussions on free trade very closely (22%), and feel they understand the issue of free trade as well as they would like to (36%).

Table 2

FAMILIARITY WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

* Key: I) Wave I Nov 12-19, 1987 II) Wave II Nov 25-Dec 4, 1987
III) Wave III Dec 8-16, 1987

	OCTOBER 1987	NOVEMBER/DECEMBER			MAY 1988	AUGUST 1988
	%	I %	II %	III %	%	%
FAMILIARITY WITH WHAT IS CONTAINED IN AGREEMENT						
Very familiar	5	4	3	2	3	4
Familiar	31	31	28	28	28	27
Not familiar	32	33	33	33	31	30
Not familiar at all	11	12	14	14	17	20

* Key applies to all tables throughout report.

Consistent with the May results, those respondents who indicate that they are familiar with the contents of the free trade deal are more supportive (60%) of the deal and are more intense in their support (17% strongly support) than are those who are not familiar with the deal's contents.