

The poll shows that economic sovereignty is high on the list of priorities. Eighty-five per cent said Canada's ability to make its own economic decisions would be an important consideration. Sixty-five per cent thought that gradual erosion of that ability was a likely outcome.

However, in another part of the poll, 59 per cent said that jobs created by American investment are more important than limiting American influence on the economy.

Regional interests also appear to be on the minds of Canadians contemplating free trade. The poll showed 48 per cent in favour and 52 per cent opposed to an agreement that meant less government help to businesses in the respondent's own province.

When asked about support for an agreement that meant their own province would probably benefit less than the rest of Canada, 52 per cent said they would favour such a deal while 48 per cent would oppose it.

Results of the poll are considered accurate within plus or minus 2.6 percentage points 19 times out of 20. The poll was conducted by telephone with 1,500 respondents.

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