

VI FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA)

As you probably know, a free trade agreement has been in effect between Canada and the United States since the beginning of 1989.

- What do you think of the Free Trade Agreement so far?
- Have you changed your mind about the Free Trade Agreement in the past few months? Why? Why not?
- Has the FTA had an impact on you personally, your region, Canada? How?
- Would you say that, on the whole, the number of jobs in Canada has increased or declined since the FTA came into effect? Why do you say this?
- Is this a short term impact or will it continue in the long term?
- What do you think the long-term effects of the Free Trade Agreement will be?
- Have you heard of the term "trade deficit"? Does Canada have a trade deficits? Has the FTA contributed to this?
- Has the FTA had any impact on the powers of the federal and provincial governments?
- There are people who talk about the Free Trade Agreement in terms of the other efforts of the government to expand Canada's trade. How do you see the Free Trade Agreement in the larger scheme of things?

VII COMMUNICATION

- A lot of people say they still don't know very much about the FTA. What kind of information do you think is lacking, and if you want to know more what would you do?
- After having talked about international competitiveness and trade, what kind of information do you want/need? Where would you expect to get it and in what form? What information would make you feel confident that Canada is doing well?

VIII WRAP-UP

- Any final comments
- Any questions