

In Ontario, 52 percent felt that the Free Trade Agreement would hurt Canada in the long run. Consistent with measures of support for the Free Trade Agreement, the view that Canada would be hurt in the long run was lowest in Alberta (45%) and Quebec (40%).

Quebec residents were less likely than those in other regions to state that the Agreement will have long term negative impacts (40%). It should be pointed out that Quebec respondents were not more likely than other respondents to state that the Free Trade Agreement would benefit Canada in the long run. The percentage of respondents in Quebec who stated that the Free Trade Agreement would benefit Canada in the long run was identical to the 37 percent Canadian national average on the same question. Rather, Quebecers were much more likely than other respondents to believe that the Agreement would have no long term effects (17% in Quebec, compared to 4 percent of respondents living outside of Quebec).

Consistent with support for the Free Trade Agreement, the view that the Free Trade Agreement would hurt Canada in the long run was related to education and income. Among upper income earners 41 percent stated that the Agreement would hurt Canada in the long run, compared to 51 percent of those earning between \$30,000 and \$50,000 and 55 percent of those earning below \$30,000. The view that Canada would be hurt in the long run and also lower among university graduates (49%) and those with some post-secondary training (41%), compared to 53% of high school graduates and 55% of those who did not complete high school).

Similarly, consistent with their stronger support of the Free Trade Agreement, males (43%) were less likely than females (54%) to state that Canada would be hurt in the long run by the Free Trade Agreement.

Although the Enthusiastic Advocates were divided on the impact of the Free Trade Agreement to date, they were significantly more likely to believe that in the long run it will benefit Canada. The Concerned Pragmatists, three-quarters of whom believed the FTA has hurt Canada to date, felt that in the long term effects of the agreement will hurt Canada.