

Table 3

PERCEPTIONS OF CANADA'S EXPORT/IMPORT RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE UNITED STATES

	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
<u>AS AN EXPORTER TO THE U.S. CANADA SELLS...</u>	
More than any other country	24
More than all but a few	28
A fair amount, but several sell more	35
Less than most other countries	11
<u>AS AN IMPORTER OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM THE U.S., CANADA BUYS...</u>	
More than any other country	33
More than all but a few	27
A fair amount, but several buy more	33
Less than most other countries	6

The distribution of responses across the various answer categories depicted in Table 3 is almost random in nature, reflecting a lack of public knowledge or appreciation of the nature and relative importance for each country of Canada's trading relationship with the United States. Those respondents claiming to have been closely following the discussions about free trade are more likely to know that Canada and the U.S. are each other's biggest trading partners.

C. Support/Opposition to Free Trade

Public opinion is at present divided as to whether it would be a good idea or a bad idea for Canada to enter into a free trade agreement with the United States. Overall levels of support and opposition, as well as the main reasons given by respondents for their support or opposition, appear in Table 4.