

Probe for:

- globalization of the world economy,
- economic interdependence,
- trading blocs

How do Canada's trade relations affect you personally in your daily life? How do they affect the future?

Thinking about the effect trade has on jobs in Canada, do you think it is better to protect jobs in Canada by relying on internal markets only or do you think we will be more likely to ensure more jobs by opening ourselves up to international competition?

How does trade affect jobs in Canada? Are there positive and negative effects? What are they?

Probe for:

- relationship between exports and jobs

Now, thinking of Canada specifically, what are our main exports?

Have the kinds of goods that we export changed over the last few years?

And do you think that it is better to export raw materials or finished/processed goods? (i.e., lumber vs. newsprint or iron ore vs. auto parts)

Why?

Which countries are Canada's major trading partners?

Which country is Canada's biggest trading partner?

What other large trading partners do we have?

What proportion of our exports go to (largest trading partner identified) and (other trading partners identified)?

Determine: order of importance, proportion of exports that go to each country.

Now, what are Canada's trading relations like with countries of the Third World?

And what kind of trade relations should we have with the Third World? Should we be trading more or less with the Third World? Why?