

- **Academics, faith-based organizations, labour and citizen-based groups** often criticize trade policy in the context of their reservations about globalization. Some groups see trade policy as undermining Canada's autonomy in health care, public education, culture or environmental protection. Others see it as a powerful instrument for world development, if the rules are reworked to address developing countries' needs.
- As for **Canadians in general**, polls show high confidence in the benefits of trade and trade agreements: Canadians strongly favour further trade liberalization and support the Government's trade policy. But they have heard the criticisms and want reassurance that our trade and economic policies do not put growth ahead of social well-being.

