

22. Some people said that Canadian business cannot compete with Mexican business in a free trade agreement because wages, environmental and safety standards are much lower in Mexico. Others have said that Canadian businesses can compete with Mexican businesses because Canadian workers are better trained and Canada has better facilities like roads, airports and communications. Which viewpoint would be closer to your own?

	Overall management of the Economy				Support of FTA				Support of NAFTA			
	Total	Good	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Base: All Respondents	1498	352	556	562	151	524	367	397	146	536	358	365
Unweighted Base	1502	351	555	569	152	522	367	402	144	542	357	368
Cannot compete	49%	30%	46%	62%	18%	31%	62%	72%	14%	26%	69%	76%
Can compete	47%	65%	48%	34%	76%	64%	35%	25%	83%	70%	27%	20%
Ok/Ns	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%

Source: Angus Reid Group
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