

Table 8

ANTICIPATED EFFECTS OF FREE TRADE -- AGGREGATE RESULTS

PERCENTAGE SAYING
SOMEWHAT LIKELY/VERY LIKELY

	August 1987 %	October 1987 %	November/ December			May 1988 %	August 1988 %
			I %	II %	III %		
Whether we will be able to maintain current government programs such as UI and health insurance	66	72	69	67	71	67	68
Whether Canadian businesses will be capable of taking advantage of any opportunity that free trade with the States offers	--	--	--	--	--	--	68
Whether prices for most consumer goods in Canada will generally be lower	66	71	66	69	71	66	63
Whether our economy will become so closely tied to the U.S. economy that we gradually lose our ability to make our own decisions	68	63	64	63	59	62	59
Whether overall there will be more jobs gained than lost in Canada	54	51	47	50	51	49	49
Whether many American companies will close their plants in Canada	41	38	41	41	39	39	40
Whether Canadians will have higher incomes than they do now	32	26	23	27	24	26	26
The poorer regions of the country would be better off under the FTA than they otherwise would be	--	--	--	--	--	40	42

