

Attitudes concerning free trade and the energy sector were also explored from several other perspectives in the November/December series of surveys. First off, people were asked, based on what they may have seen, read or heard, whether they think the free trade agreement is a good or a bad thing as far as energy is concerned. Results show that while opinion on the question is not particularly intense, there is evidence of a moderate growth during the three waves in a perception that the deal is a good thing as far as energy is concerned. For instance, while 53% were of this view in wave I, fully six-in-ten (60%) offer this response in wave III.

A consistent evolution in opinion is evident in results for another question dealing with the energy sector. Canadians were asked to indicate their opinions with respect to two contrasting views regarding free trade and the energy sector which were presented to them. These involve the relative significance and importance of:

- o Guaranteeing access to the U.S. market for Canadian energy resources; and
- o Ensuring Canada's control over its energy resources.

The specific statements presented and the aggregate results for the three November/December waves of research appear in Table 8.

Table 8

## FREE TRADE, ENERGY SECURITY AND ACCESS TO THE U.S. MARKET

STATEMENT	PERCENTAGE SAYING THIS VIEW IS CLOSEST TO THEIR OWN		
	I	II	III
	%	%	%
Guaranteeing access to U.S. markets for Canadian energy resources will create development, jobs and energy security in Canada	41	43	48
It would be better not to encourage sales of Canadian energy to the United States because this would weaken Canada's control over its energy resources	57	55	51