

17. Why do you oppose the three-way free trade agreement between Canada  
and the United States and Mexico?

	Region						Sex		Age			Education				Income			
	Total	B.C.	Alb	Man/ Sask	Ont	Que	Atlan	Male	Fem	18-34	35-54	55+	Some HS	H.S.	Post Sec	Univ Grad	<30k	30k- 50k	50k+
Base: Somewhat oppose/ Strongly oppose	723	89	54	68	278	174	60	324	400	272	254	196	133	225	218	147	236	234	219
Unweighted Base	725	88	59	67	273	175	63	328	397	263	276	185	131	223	220	151	234	236	222
Good for Mexico (general)	0%	1%							0%			1%		0%					
Will raise Mexican standard of living	0%	1%							0%			1%		0%					
I'am for freer trade	0%				0%			0%			0%				0%		0%		
No alternative/ free trade the only option	0%				0%			0%				0%				1%			0%
Wages are low in Mexico/ cheap labour - lost jobs	57%	46%	41%	52%	61%	60%	62%	61%	53%	51%	61%	59%	60%	60%	56%	50%	58%	60%	54%
Exploitation of cheap Mexican labour	1%	2%	2%	1%		1%		0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%		2%	
Only U.S. will benefit/ Canada & Mexico losers	6%	6%	11%	6%	4%	6%	13%	7%	5%	5%	6%	8%	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	8%
F.T.A. bad - NAFTA worse	14%	17%	12%	4%	16%	12%	16%	11%	16%	21%	11%	6%	6%	13%	16%	18%	11%	14%	16%
Will threaten social programmes	0%			1%		1%		1%	0%	0%	1%				1%			1%	0%
Will lower standard of living	3%	1%		11%	1%	2%	6%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%
Canada can't compete	6%	5%	8%	10%	6%	4%	10%	4%	8%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%
Hurt Canadian economy	9%	6%	17%	12%	10%	7%	8%	7%	11%	12%	9%	5%	11%	8%	10%	9%	13%	9%	7%
Canada will lose money than gain/ get cheated	12%	15%	8%	12%	10%	14%	9%	11%	12%	10%	13%	13%	11%	11%	12%	13%	11%	10%	12%
Loss of natural resources (lumber/ oil/ mining/ water)	2%	6%	7%	2%	1%	1%		2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Mexican government not trustworthy/ unstable	1%	1%		1%	0%	1%	3%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Will Americanize Canadians	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Too much difference between Canada/ U.S. and Mexico	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%
We don't export or import much with Mexico	2%		2%		3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%		3%	2%	1%
Don't trust the politicians/too many loopholes/too secretive	3%	6%	2%		3%	3%		2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%		4%	6%	3%	2%	4%
Canadian companies moving south of the border	14%	20%	14%	8%	17%	11%	11%	13%	16%	14%	14%	15%	14%	12%	17%	14%	14%	11%	16%
Environmental issues more lax in Mexico	3%	2%		7%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%
Investors will invest in Mexico, instead of Canada	1%	1%			1%	1%		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Affect cost of living	1%	1%		2%	1%	1%		1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Misnomer: not free trade	1%	2%			1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Mexico doesn't have much to offer	3%	2%	8%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%
Canada should look after their own first	1%	1%	3%		1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	

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