

III. ANTICIPATED EFFECTS OF FREE TRADE

A. Overview of Anticipated Effects

Respondents were asked to consider a number of possible outcomes or consequences of free trade and to indicate whether they think these outcomes are likely or not. Results appear in Table 6.

Table 6

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	SOMEWHAT/VERY VERY LIKELY		CORRELATION GAMMA*		CORRELATION COEFFICIENT**
	<u>August</u> %	<u>October</u> %	<u>August</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>October</u>
Whether Canada and the U.S. will become similar in many ways	82	79	-.219	-.257	NS***
Whether we will be able to maintain current government programs such as UI and health insurance	66	72	.447	.459	.069
Whether American influence on our books, magazines, films and other parts of our culture will increase	72	71	-.286	-.322	-.048
Whether prices for most consumer goods in Canada will generally be lower	66	71	-.286	-.322	-.048
Whether the Canadian wood and paper products industry will increase sales in the U.S.	71	70	.348	.376	0.052
Whether our economy will become so closely tied to the U.S. economy that we will gradually lose our ability to make our own decisions	68	63	-.556	-.648	-.201