

In your view, is there a link between our competitiveness and our prosperity?

How does international trade affect us in our daily lives?

Probe for: - exports and jobs  
- imports and standard of living

What does Canada export?

What are our strengths? Are there certain areas we should be concentrating on? What are they?

Does Canada itself have a large enough market for the goods and services we produce here to concentrate on our own market? Do you agree that we can better protect jobs by relying on internal markets or should we open ourselves up to international competition?

Probe for: - globalization  
- economic interdependence

### 3. NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

When you think about the term "free trade" what does it mean to you?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of a free trade relationship?

What do you think about the existing Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States?

Is it a good or a bad thing? Why?

Are there short-term and long-term differences in terms of advantages and disadvantages of free trade?

Probe for: - short-term adjustment difficulties (what are they?)  
- long-term benefits (what are they?)

Thinking of the long-term advantages of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, how long is "long-term." Should we be feeling the advantages now or will we feel them in the future? If in the future, when might that be?