

Q. DO YOU THINK THAT THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT HAS HAD ANY EFFECT ON THE POWERS OF THE PROVINCIAL OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

Not yet.

I don't see anything yet.

Not enough for the government to want to do anything.

I think we're in a lull before the storm.

Don't forget that the Free Trade Agreement has been given ten years before all tariffs are gone. 70 percent of all trade between the U.S. and Canada had no tariffs to begin with so we're only talking about 30 percent more.

Q. WHAT ARE GOING TO BE THE DIRECT IMPACTS OF FREE TRADE ON THE VANCOUVER REGION?

It should be a plus. Because of the lack of manufacturing base, there should be opportunities for certain areas in BC to compete across the land.

As I understand it, before free trade the only reason there was any manufacturing in Canada was because of the tariffs, take the automobile industry for example.

Q. A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY THEY DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE IMPACTS THAT IT'S HAD, DO YOU THINK THAT INFORMATION IS LACKING? WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION IS LACKING AND IF YOU WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FREE TRADE WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

I think the information is lacking specifics. Over a ten year period, tariffs are going to be phased out but they don't tell you which ones and when...I don't understand exactly how things are going to continue.

I think information is lacking incredibly because they don't know what is going to happen. I think that they're just hoping that something good is going to come out of this.

I think the people that stand to gain from free trade are going to gain a lot and a majority of the people aren't going to gain. The government has a vested interest to cloud the issue, to make it vague and inject as much hope as possible.

Q. IF YOU WERE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE OR FREE TRADE, WHAT SOURCES OF INFORMATION WOULD YOU TRUST?

I wouldn't trust the one produced by our government. They're going to put in the figures and facts that they want to support their idea.

I disagree with that. I would trust them.

The media thrives on reporting negative news.

I'd like to have the universities produce a book of facts on free trade and the GST.

The professors aren't neutral either.

P. WHAT ABOUT BUSINESS, WHAT ABOUT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?