

of two-thirds of those against the two free trade deals were resolute in their agreement with this statement.

The Resolute Antagonists were most likely to agree to the statement, with 57 percent strong agreement. Fifty-eight percent of the Concerned Pragmatists agreed, while only 8 percent of the Enthusiastic Advocates believed Canada will lost its ability to make its own economic decisions.

- **We will be able to maintain current government programs such as unemployment insurance and medicare** - A majority of respondents do not believe that the NAFTA would pose a threat to the continuation of social programs in this country. Fifty-three percent of survey respondents generally agreed with this statement; one in three (34%) shared this view with much conviction. Nevertheless, overall disagreement was voiced by a significant minority (29%). Across regional lines, Quebecers are the most convinced that Canada would be able to maintain programs such as unemployment insurance and medicare under a the NAFTA scenario (44% agreed strongly, in greatest contrast to the 28% and 29% in Manitoba-Saskatchewan and Atlantic Canada respectively). Among supporters of the FTA and the NAFTA, 60 percent agreed solidly with this statement compared to about one-quarter of strong opponents.

Over a quarter of Resolute Antagonists (27%) agreed to the statement. Close to a majority of the Old-fashioned Opponents (47%) and the Concerned Pragmatists (49%) agreed. Sixty-eight percent of Dispassionate Supporters and 79 percent of Enthusiastic Advocates agreed that we will be able to maintain current government programs under the NAFTA.