

Table 2
AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
<u>FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON FREE TRADE</u>	
Closely	41
Not Closely	59
<u>UNDERSTAND ISSUE OF FREE TRADE</u>	
Yes	24
No	76

A majority (59%) claim they are not following the discussions closely, while three out of four (76%) say that they do not understand the issue as well as they would like. Not surprisingly, those who say they understand the issue are more likely (54%) than average to say they are following the issue closely, and vice versa.

2. Perceptions of Canada's trade relations and its importance to Canadians personally

While most Canadians say they do not understand the issue of free trade with the U.S. as well as they would like, they nevertheless appear to believe that it is important to them personally. About two-thirds (65%) of Canadians say that international trade is important to their livelihood and half of these (34% of all respondents) claim that Canada's international trade is "very important" to them personally.