

Question 1 -- Continued

There have been discussions in the news over the last while about Canada becoming involved in free or freer trade with other countries. What exactly does the term free or freer trade mean to you?

17. Good Idea - General -- Free is good for Canada in a certain way -- with restrictions in quantity. / It is a great idea. / It's a good idea. / I think it's a good thing. / Good idea -- it would help everybody. / Trading goods like manufactured goods -- good for Canada. / A better trading relationship. / We get a fairer deal when we trade with them, I guess. / Dealing without having as hard a time as before.
18. Bad Idea - General -- It's not a good idea for this country. / It's not a good idea for Canada. / We might get shafted. We have to be careful how we go into it, especially with under developed countries. / Trouble -- I'm not in favour of it. / I don't think we should do it as we'll lose too much. / It's not working out well. / Losing money for Canada. / I think that it will hurt all small business / Free trade -- we'll probably up prices for good in Canada.
19. Increased Taxes/Duties/Tariffs
20. Increased Prices
21. Other -- To be able to do what you want to do. / Canadian exports more expensive here yet imports cheaper in other countries. / I could run my business the way I want to. / This is pretty involved; I don't know how one can achieve a consensus when it involves so many industries. / The government should say more about how free trade is going to affect us. / Something similar to the common market in Europe. / Doesn't understand why people don't want it -- will be something that we don't like about it. / We would have to pay less income tax. / From what I understand, it is free for a while, but we will be paying it back. Isn't it that we pay back eventually, 10 years down the road. / If Canada could be more idealistic instead of practical. / The policy to ship goods across borders. / It's going to be the same, no difference. It might help the companies to write off taxes. / That all people are equal and are generous to each other. / There are pros and cons -- you hear of one thing and hear of something else. What is it? / That's what I wish to know -- relationship between Canada and the United States business I think. / Canada wants trade with the United States. / Money, money, money. / Our trust for the United States in our dealings with them. / Sometimes we're giving away things; we're giving away more trade here, losing trade. / Trading with someone else. Having to pay for trade. / Differences between costs of buying and selling in the countries. / Free trade with limited States. / Getting closer in trading with the United States. / Giving away our natural resources. / There is no such thing as free trade. Everything is taxed.