

respondents from all walks of life believe that the clothing manufacturing industry would not improve by the NAFTA.

- **The textile industry which manufactures yarn and fabric** - The general public is just as convinced that the NAFTA would not assist the textile industry - fully three-quarters (77%) imagine the industry would be worse off and only 16 percent are optimistic. These expectations are generally mirrored right across various population segments.
- **Manufacturing industry** - respondents, at a ratio of three to one, predict the manufacturing industry would suffer with the NAFTA in place (67% to 23%). Once again, this negative outlook is held by a large majority of all segments of the Canadian population (the smallest being the 57% recorded in the Atlantic region).
- **Cars and auto parts** - Pessimism also greatly outweighs optimism (61% versus 26%) with regard to the prospects for Canada's automobile industry in the context of an operational North American Free Trade Agreement. Across all population segments, a sound majority of respondents believed the automobile industry would be worse off.

Respondents also tend to offer higher negative than positive expectations for the following three sectors under a the NAFTA climate:

- **Agriculture industry** - Almost one-half (46%) of respondents polled this August said that, in their opinion, the agriculture industry would be worse off instead of better off (35%) with the NAFTA. One in seven (14%) volunteered that this sector of the economy would not be impacted at all. A majority or large plurality of most major segments of the country's population share the

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