

47. Some people have said that Canadian businesses cannot compete with Mexican businesses in a free trade agreement because wages, environmental and safety standards are much lower in Mexico. Others have said that Canadian businesses can compete with Mexican businesses because Canadian workers are better trained and Canada has better facilities like roads, airports and communications. Which viewpoint would be closer to your own?

	TOTAL	REGION					
		British Columbia	Alberta	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Base=All respondents	(1509)	(170)	(143)	(124)	(535)	(399)	(138)
CAN NOT COMPETE WITH MEXICO							
Cannot compete	55	66	56	52	55	49	60
Can compete	40	32	37	40	40	48	34
(DK/NS)	5	1	7	8	5	4	6

Source: Angus Reid Group
 Canadian Trade and Adjustment Study
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