

Table 9 -- Continued

	CORRELATION GAMMA						CORRELATION COEFFICIENT					
	Oct. 1987	I	II	III	May 1988	Aug. 1988	Oct. 1987	I	II	III	May 1988	Aug. 1988
Whether overall there will be more jobs gained than lost in Canada	.622	.662	.630	.632	.690	.699	.181	.224	.174	.175	.176	.248
Whether many American companies will close their plants in Canada	-.292	-.337	-.388	-.427	-.331	-.374	NS	***	***	***	***	-.085
Whether Canadians will have higher incomes than they do now	.462	.534	.560	.526	.537	.504	.057	.109	.153	.145	.061	.063

* Each issue statement was correlated with overall support for the Free Trade Agreement. The larger the Gamma statistic, the more closely associated the two attributes.

** The standardized regression co-efficient indicates the nature of the relationship between each possible consequence and overall support for the Free Trade Agreement. The larger the number, the more closely associated that particular variable is to attitudes toward the Free Trade Agreement.

*** Indicates that the relationship between the independent variable and attitudes about the Free Trade Agreement is statistically insignificant.

The data in Table 9 reveal a continuation of the strength of association between those who support or oppose the deal and those perceived economic and independence effects of the Agreement which had been reported in previous surveys. Other observations of note from the table are as follows:

- o As has been the case in the past, the most important consequence for the public in terms of their assessment of the free trade deal, is whether it would tie Canada's economy so close to the U.S. economy that Canada would gradually lose its ability to make its own decisions.