FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Response To The Source And Target Of Foreign Investment

- When asked whether there is too much, not enough, or the right amount of foreign investment by a selected group of countries, the data shows that Canadians tend to be desirous of a balanced foreign trade policy. Countries which have traditionally been involved in the Canadian economy, like the USA, Japan, Hong Kong all elicit significant proportions of Canadians believing that they are investing too heavily in Canada. On the other hand, Canadians would like to see more investment in Canada from Great Britain, France, and other European countries in general.

- With respect to various industrial sectors, again, the strongest belief that too much foreign investment exists in that specific area pertains to the two sectors which have been dominated by foreign investment in recent years — oil/gas, and clothing/textiles.

- Canadians are saying that foreign investment is acceptable, as long as its source, and its target industry do not become too focussed in certain areas, and thus overly pervasive in any one element of Canada's economy.