

Turning to the issue of emphasis for government employment initiatives, respondents were presented with the following forced choice question:

"Some people say that the federal government should be concentrating on developing the skills of Canadian workers, in order to provide for Canada's long-term economic future.

Other people say that given the current economic situation, we need less emphasis on training and more on short-term measures to get people back to work. Which point of view is closest to your own?"

Aggregate responses to this question (as presented in Table 46) show that the majority (63%) prefer a long-term focus to employment programming. Regionally, support for a long-term focus is strongest in Alberta (76%), and weakest in the Prairies (56%).

