

TABLE 17
REASONS FOR FAVOURING A FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDED MEXICO

Reasons For Favouring	(501)
	%
New, Expanded Markets/Opportunities	32
Will Be More Competitive	6
Access to Cheaper Labour	10
Would Lower Tariffs/Duties/Trade Barriers	7
We Need to Be Part of a Major Economic Bloc to Compete With Europe	6

Source: Question D14.

For those respondents who were opposed to such an agreement, the most common reasons given related to the lower labour costs in Mexico and the implications this has for Canadian companies (Table 18). Most other comments were related to negative impacts on Canada, including job losses and movement of companies to Mexico.

TABLE 18
FIVE MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED REASONS FOR OPPOSING
A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDED MEXICO

Reasons For Opposing	(501)
	%
We Cannot Compete (general)	6
Cannot Compete With Lower Labour Costs	61
Our Production Costs Are Higher Than Mexico	9
Would Lose Jobs in Canada	6
Canadian Companies Would Move Manufacturing/Technology Production Facilities	6

Source: Question D14.