

Question 1 -- Continued

There have been discussions in the news over the last while about Canada becoming involved in free or freer trade with other countries. What exactly does the term free or freer trade mean to you?

10. Fewer Jobs in Canada -- Maybe after free trade there may be more unemployment. / Not too sure, but hope we don't lose many jobs -- want to know more. / It means a loss of a lot of jobs. / Free trade means loss of jobs or fewer jobs for Canada. / It means other countries gain jobs while we have jobs.
11. More Jobs in Canada -- It's alright for the Canadian economy and would make jobs. / It would mean more jobs. It would cost less to import and export and therefore more people would be able to work because the cost of products would come down.
12. Prices Same In Canada/United States -- I guess if we have goods from the United States we just pay our rate on the goods. / Dollar for dollar, it costs the same to buy something in Canada as it does in the United States. / Back and forth with America at equal prices. / If we give the United States something free then they give us something free in return. / We sell to them and they sell back to us at the same price.
13. Increased Trade -- More exports -- we would increase export out of the company. / More trade. / This means more importing and more exporting goods. / Freer trade means more goods crossing the border, creating more work. / Greater access to products from the States and easier to get products to the States.
14. Lose Independence/United States Takeover -- A matter of Americanizing Canada. / Free trade means that eventually we will become part of the United States. / Trade with United States would be disastrous -- Canada couldn't make it. The United States is too, big too smart -- leave Canada where it is. / America can dump everything in here. / We're gonna get raked by the Americans. / They'll bring in food and destroy the Island's farming income. / The more I hear is that free trade won't be good for the country it will take away our independence. / That the country; is losing it's backbone. / The United States coming and dominating our economy.
15. No Political Involvement In Trade -- Without political hindrance -- too many inspections and United States is not fair. / Trade is governed by market issues instead of political factors.
16. Good For Canadian Economy -- Free trade with the United States -- just what it says, free trade. Free trade -- it would be good for the Canadian economy. / Better economics ahead for all of us. / I think it means some sort of economical improvement. / Bring money into Canada -- from other countries and United States.