Another important consideration, cited by 93 per cent, was that the United States will keep to the terms of an agreement with 54 per cent believing it would.

Ninety-three per cent cited increased jobs as an important consideration and 54 percent believed that overall there will be more jobs gained than lost in a free trade deal. This is unchanged from the June poll.

Generally, the August poll shows little or no change from June attitudes on such issues as foreign investment where over 70 per cent continued to believe that there should be restrictions on American investment in certain sectors of the economy.

Results of the poll are considered accurate within plus or minus 3.2 percentage points 19 times out of 20. The poll was conducted by telephone with 1,200 respondents across Canada.

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