

- 4a A number of commentators have said that Canada is in a recession. I'm going to read you some of the reasons given for the recession, and I'd like you to tell me which one you feel is most responsible for the recession (READ AND ROTATE LIST -- ONE RESPONSE ONLY).
- 4b And which reason is the second most responsible (READ REMAINING CATEGORIES ON LIST -- ONE RESPONSE ONLY).

	<u>4a</u>	<u>4b</u>
___ The free trade agreement with the U.S....	23	39
___ The failure of Canadian businesses to anticipate today's competitiveness problems.....	9	18
___ The GST.....	19	39
___ A high Canadian dollar.....	4	10
___ High interest rates.....	4	8
___ Global economic conditions.....	15	24
___ Economic slowdown in the U.S.....	5	12
___ The federal deficit.....	9	16
___ Low productivity of Canadian businesses...5.....	5	13
___ High wages of Canadian workers.....	7	15
(Other - DO NOT READ).....	1	4
(DK/NS).....	0	0

B. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

5. Have you heard anything recently about the issue of international competitiveness?
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| Yes..... | 56 |
| No..... | 43 |
| (DK/NS)..... | 1 |
6. Thinking about Canada's international competitiveness, would you say we are keeping up with other countries such as Japan, Germany, and the United States and competing as well as we should be, or are we falling behind other countries and not competing as well as we should be?
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| Keeping up..... | 10 |
| Falling behind..... | 87 |
| (DK/NS)..... | 3 |
7. How committed is the federal government to making Canada more competitive...very committed, somewhat committed, not very committed, or not committed at all?
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| Very committed..... | 5 |
| Somewhat committed..... | 38 |
| Not very committed..... | 36 |
| Not committed at all..... | 18 |
| (DK/NS)..... | 3 |