

Table 6

PERCEPTIONS OF FREE TRADE BY PROVINCE

REGION	FREE TRADE GOOD FOR CANADA	NET CHANGE FROM APRIL
	%	%
British Columbia	61	-5
Alberta	67	+1
Saskatchewan	50	+0
Manitoba	44	-3
Balance Ontario	44	-5
Metro Toronto	52	+6
Quebec	55	-1
New Brunswick	56	+5
Nova Scotia	56	3
Prince Edward Island*	67*	*+21
Newfoundland	68	-5
National Average	53	-2

* Note: Interpret percentage changes since April with caution due to the small sample size.

Age emerges as an important variable affecting views on whether free trade would be good or not for Canada's future economic prospects. Those respondents 18 to 24 and 35 to 44 are more likely to consider the overall effect to be good. Those 55 to 64 years of age, on the other hand, are less likely (-9) to think so, as are their seniors.

Finally, assessment on this dimension is affected by one's views on cultural nationalism and the appropriate relationship with the United States.

E. Attitudes Towards the United States

To determine overall views about the United States, three questions were asked about personal preference regarding the form the bilateral relationship should take, the current state of affairs, as well as descriptions of what the government sees as the ideal relationship with the United States.