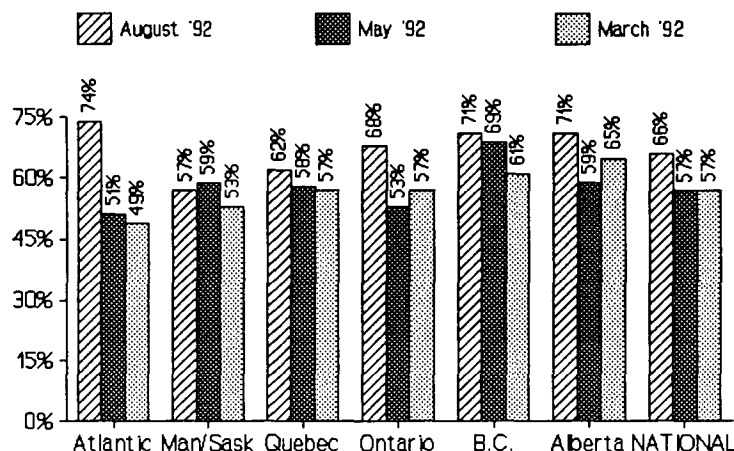


Figure 8

Regardless of How You Feel About the FTA,
Do You Support Freer Trade Between Canada & the U.S.?
- Support -



The current level of support for the general idea of freer trade is highest in Atlantic Canada (74%), followed by British Columbia and Alberta (both at 71%) and Ontario (68%). Interestingly, Quebecers, who show the highest support for the Agreement, were less likely than other respondents to express support for the idea of freer trade (62%; still higher than the 54% overall support in Quebec for the Agreement). Residents of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, who have demonstrated consistently lower support for the Free Trade Agreement, were also least likely to support the overall idea of freer trade with the U.S. (57%). In Manitoba and Saskatchewan, levels of support for freer trade represent a decline from 59 percent in May of 1992 while support levels represented an increase from previous surveys in all other regions.

Consistent with support for the Free Trade Agreement, support for the idea of freer trade with the U.S. was higher among upper income earners (77%, compared to 63% of those earning between \$30,000 and \$50,000 and 58% of those earning below \$30,000) and among university graduates (79%, compared to 68% of those with some post-secondary training, 59% of high school graduates and 55% of those who did not complete high school).