Question 5

Overall, would you say it would be a very good idea, a good idea, a bad idea, or a very bad idea for Canada to enter into a free trade agreement with the United States?

Why do you say that?

NEGATIVE

- 01. United States Overpowering -- I don't like the United States anyway. They may take over Canada. / Because we will be more closely linked to the United States -- a militaristic state -- do not agree with. / Giving too much to the Americans, sooner or later they will want all. / It just means that we would be exploited by the Americans. / Because they are so much larger and more powerful than we are. / The Americans will just end up telling us what to do. / The United States seem to have such dominance Free trade would decrease this dominance and decrease our independence. / The United States is much too big a country and would swallow us up. / Size of corporations industry 10 times more powerful in United States. / The United States has too much to say in Canada as it is already. / The United States will be governing everything that we own and owe. / If free trade, would be like the United States owning Canada. States would take over. / The United States being so powerful they tend to take over a country and exploit that country's natural resources than leave. / The United States tend to take advantage of any country, they get involved with. / I am worried that the Americans may eventually end up owning Canada. / Canada's economy would be controlled by the United States. / The Americans will become dominant in the free trade -- the agreement will become lopsided to the Americans advantage. / They are rushing into it. Power of United States too strong for Canada. / The Yanks dominate and are trying to take us over. / Seems like the United States wants to move in and take whatever Canada has got. / We are up against a ruthless group of businessmen. I am afraid that Canada will be swallowed up. / United States will take over everything like they did in other countries. / It would make Canada become just another state of the United States. / We will be ruled by them if we have free trade. / The United States have too much control already over us.
- 02. United States Benefit -- Americans will end up with a better deal than Canadians. / Advantage United States. / United States going to benefit more with less bad effects. / They have it easier than we do. / There would be more trouble in free trade because the United States would want the better part of the deal. / The Americans have more to gain from free trade. / We would not benefit, the States would. / The United States is just using us for their own benefit. / The Americans will take advantage of us. / The United States will take advantage of us as shown in the lumber trade. / The United States will probably take advantage of the agreement. / The United States may have a stronger economy, this does not mean that ours will improve -- undoubtedly they will grow stronger.
- 03. Don't Trust United States -- Don't trust too much. / Because the United States are not bargaining fairly. Canada will lose too much. / Mistrust