

identifies the correlation between the perceived likelihood of each consequence and support or opposition to the deal. Also listed are the Gamma correlations for each consequence which have been obtained from the crosstabular analysis.

Table 9

ANTICIPATED EFFECTS OF FREE TRADE -- CORRELATION ANALYSIS

	CORRELATION GAMMA				CORRELATION COEFFICIENT							
	Oct. 1987	Nov./Dec I	May 1988	Aug. 1988	Oct. 1987	Nov./Dec. I	May 1988	Aug. 1988				
Whether we will be able to maintain current government programs such as UI and health insurance	.459	.551	.525	.550	.574	.577	.069	.179	.123	.092	.106	.109
Whether prices for most consumer goods in Canada will generally be lower	.324	.320	.306	.336	.389	.427	.076	.079	.060	.046	.083	.110
Whether our economy will become so closely tied to the U.S. economy that we will gradually lose our ability to make our own decisions	-.648	-.708	-.702	-.739	-.715	-.685	-.201	-.200	-.205	-.258	-.253	-.256
Canadian businesses will be capable of taking advantage of any opportunities that free trade with the U.S. offers	--	--	--	--	.530	--	--	--	--	--	--	.097
The poorer regions of the country would be better off under the FTA than they would otherwise be	--	--	--	--	.609	.649	--	--	--	--	.135	.114