

plan for improving the country's overall trade position or that the government really has a good idea of how to address the changes that the NAFTA will present for Canada. Importantly, very few from this attitudinal group felt it was necessary for the Canadian government to join the NAFTA in order to protect our economic interests.

In terms of their overall assessment of the Canada's international trade situation, Resolute Antagonists are more likely than other Canadians to believe Canada imports more goods than it exports to all major trading regions tested for this research undertaking. Members of this attitudinal segment are also far more likely than those of other mindsets to believe that, by signing the NAFTA, Canada will tie itself too closely to the U.S. and Mexico and possibly lose out on valuable trading opportunities elsewhere in the world. Similarly, these people are also worried that, in locking themselves into this three-way trading arrangement, Canada will forfeit its ability to form its own economic decisions and that the country will no longer be able to maintain important social programs such as unemployment insurance and medicare.