

Also of note is that Ontario respondents, who are the least supportive of the FTA, appear to be the least self-interested, with 51% supporting the deal if it were to benefit the rest of the country more than than it would Ontario.

E. Perceived Importance of Passing the FTA Legislation Before January 1st, 1989

Results for a question asking how important it is that the FTA legislation be passed before the January 1, 1989 deadline, have a distribution that is very similar to that of the basic support and opposition question. Overall, Canadians appear to be only slightly more likely to say that it is important (53%) to meet the deadline as they are to say it is not important (46%).

Not surprisingly, 72% of those who support the deal believe that passing the bill before the deadline is important, while 67% of those who oppose the bill feel it is not important.