

Table 14

PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY BY SUPPORT FOR FREE TRADE

	<u>PRO FREE TRADE IDEA</u> %	<u>ANTI FREE TRADE IDEA</u> %
Government pushes too strongly	10	11
Has the right balance	37	24
Does not push strongly enough	52	65

Note: Percentages sum vertically and may not sum to 100% due to the exclusion of "no opinion."

In general, residents of Quebec seem more likely to think that the government is achieving the right note as compared to their provincial counterparts. Those Ontario respondents outside of the Metro Toronto area, on the other hand, are more often of the view that the federal government is pushing its point of view strongly.

Further questions asked for an assessment of the quality of the federal government's management of negotiations. Again, the majority (57%) of all Canadians think that the government is not managing negotiations well. Assessments tend to be marginally more positive in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Newfoundland. The following table details these measures by province.