

DERIVATION OF VOLATILITY OF SUPPORT VARIABLE

CATEGORY	OPINIONS
Hard Supporter	-- Strongly support Free Trade Agreement and not at all likely/not very likely to change opinion. Support Agreement and not at all likely to change opinion.
Supporter	-- Strongly support Free Trade Agreement and somewhat/very likely to change opinion. Support Agreement and not very/somewhat/very likely to change opinion.
Opponent	-- Strongly oppose Free Trade Agreement and somewhat/very likely to change opinion. Oppose Agreement and not very/somewhat/very likely to change opinion.
Hard Opponent	-- Strongly oppose Free Trade Agreement and not likely at all/not very likely to change opinion. Oppose Agreement and not likely at all to change opinion.

Table 4 shows the distribution of respondents across the various categories of the "Volatility of Support" variable, on the basis of aggregate national data.

Table 4

VOLATILITY OF SUPPORT FOR THE FTA

	<u>MAY 1988</u>
	%
Supporter	40
Hard supporter	11
Opponent	28
Hard opponent	15
No opinion	7

It is notable that one-in-five Ontario residents (20%) can be classified as hard opponents of the FTA, while fewer than one-in-ten Quebecers (8%) fall into this category. The number of hard supporters and opponents does not vary greatly from the national average across the other regions of the country. A disproportionate number of Quebec residents can be identified as supporters (59%), while a below-average number is found in Manitoba (29%).