

D. Supporters (Economic Benefits)

The most frequently mentioned economic benefit by those feeling free trade is a good idea is jobs or employment. The following are a typical host of statements which underscore this feeling:

- o "The free trade deal might create more jobs/ It can create more employment in Canada/ It can create more jobs"; and
- o "If they let the American businesses invest -- they'll make more businesses creating more jobs in Canada."

Others stress the broader benefits for Canada's economy which they foresee as accompanying free trade, such as:

- o "Trading is essential for economic growth. The whole economy of Canada will open up and benefit";
- o "Our economy would prosper and there would be more jobs. I think it would be good for the Canadian economy"; and
- o "If you have free trade, the economy will be stronger in the long run because there would not be protection over weak businesses."

Still others point to the larger market available to Canada:

- o "The United States has a bigger trade base to work in, so it would benefit us";
- o "We need free trade -- Canada does not have the population or resources to go it alone, unlike the United States";
- o "I feel it would help Canadian manufacturers to supply a larger market"; and
- o "Opening up additional markets, 10 times as big as we are."