

I'd like to shift the discussion to the issue of international trade...

Thinking of the term "international trade", I'd like you to tell me what you think of when you hear that term. (connotation, key meaning)

When you hear the term "international trade" would you say you have a positive, a negative or a neutral reaction to it?

And in what context are you hearing the term "international trade" these days?

Why are we hearing the term "international trade" so much more recently?

Have you heard anything about discussions on a free trade agreement between Canada, the United States or Mexico?

What are the benefits of a free trade agreement between the three countries? What are the disadvantages?

As you might know, Mexico and the United States began talks about free trade between the two countries before Canada was involved. Do you think it is important that Canada be a part of a free trade agreement between the three countries or should Canada just let Mexico and the U.S. work out their own deal and leave Canada out? Why?

Of the three countries, which do you think would benefit most?

Why?

Prove for:

- new trade opportunities,
- new export opportunities for Canadian goods and services,
- investment opportunities in Canada,
- new opportunities/markets for Canadian entrepreneurs

Do you think that an agreement on free trade between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico would have a major or minor impact on our economy in the future? Would it be positive or negative? Why? What sectors would be most affected?

How much trade between Canada and Mexico is there currently?