

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

The degree to which Canadians claim to be basically optimistic about various issues as opposed to basically pessimistic is outlined below.

The data shows that while Canadians are relatively confident that Canada will remain independent from the United States, other issues such as eradicating world poverty, the possibility of another global depression, and the ability of super powers to avoid a nuclear confrontation seem less assured to significant proportions of Canadians.

	% of Respondents who are...		
	Basically optimistic	Basically pessimistic	Don't know
Canada remaining an independent country, separate from the United States	78	19	3
Canada's ability to maintain its level of economic well being	70	27	3
Free trade in the world	65	29	6
The super powers' ability to avoid a nuclear war	62	34	4
The prospect of another world economic depression such as was experienced in the 1930's	48	48	4
The eradication of poverty and starvation in the developing countries	30	66	4
Base: (1000)			