

understand the issue as well as they would like to. While there has been a slight increase since June 1987 in the percentage of respondents who do feel they understand the issue as well as they would like to, there has been virtually no change since the last sounding taken in May.

Not surprisingly, Canadians who say they understand the issue are more likely than average to say they are following the discussions closely (63%).

The only area of the country in which respondents' opinions appear to differ from the Canadian average with respect to these responses is Toronto. A higher than average percentage of Torontonians claim to be following the discussions on free trade very closely (73%), and feel they understand the issue of free trade as well as they would like to (68%).