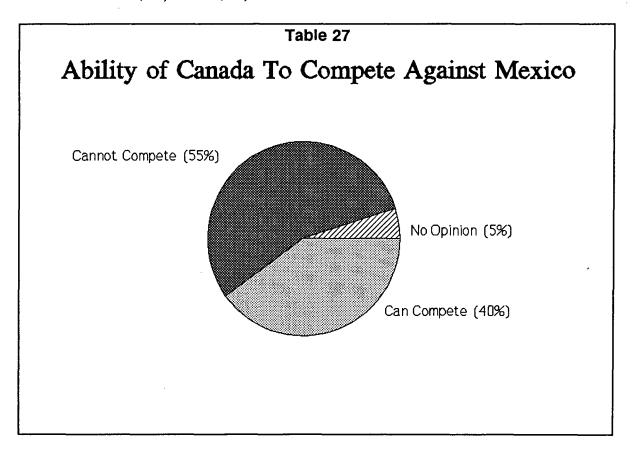
Not only do Canadians believe a trade agreement involving Mexico will threaten Canadian jobs, they also have doubts about whether Canada can compete with Mexico. Table 27 presents aggregate responses to the following forced choice question:

"Some people have said that Canadian businesses <u>cannot</u> compete with Mexican businesses in a free trade agreement because wages, environmental and safety standards are much lower in Mexico.

Others have said that Canadian businesses <u>can</u> compete with Mexican businesses because Canadian workers are better trained and Canada has better facilities like roads, airports and communications. Which viewpoint would be closer to your own"?

A majority (55%) indicate they believe that Canada cannot compete with Mexico. This opinion is most strongly held in B.C. (66%), and is weakest in Québec (49%). Demographic subgroups that are most sceptical about Canada's ability to compete with Mexico include those with a technical education, blue collar workers, and those with incomes between \$30,000 to \$59,000.



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