
Public Attitudes Toward Trade: Caution and Hope

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Impact of Free Trade on Jobs

	<i>2006</i>	<i>2008</i>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Creates jobs	12	9
Leads to job losses	48	61
No difference	25	18

Source: Pew

Trade's Impact on Wages

	<i>2006</i>	<i>2008</i>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Raises wages	11	8
Lowers wages	44	56
No difference	30	22

Source: Pew

Trade's Impact on Prices

	2006	2008
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Lowers prices	32	29
Raises prices	30	39
No difference	23	18

Source: Pew

Trade an Opportunity Not a Threat

	Oct. 2007 %	June 2008 %	April 2009 %
Opportunity for economy	46	41	56
Threat to economy	45	51	40

Source: CNN

Trade Good for the U.S. Economy

	March 2008 %	April 2009 %
Trade Good for U.S. Economy	58	66
Trade Bad for U.S. Economy	32	23

Source: NYT

Support for Trade

% saying growing trade ties are very or somewhat good for their country

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
	%	%		
Spain	--	82	89	89
Germany	91	85	87	85
Poland	78	77	85	81
Russia	88	82	81	80
Britain	87	78	77	82
France	88	78	82	83
U.S.	78	59	53	65

Second lowest in world

Impact of Free Trade Agreements on the United States

	1997 <u>%</u>	2001 <u>%</u>	2003 <u>%</u>	2004 <u>%</u>	2005 <u>%</u>	2006 <u>%</u>	2008 <u>%</u>	2009 <u>%</u>
Good	47	49	34	47	44	44	35	44
Bad	30	29	33	34	34	35	48	35
DK	23	22	33	19	22	21	17	21

Source: Pew