## NAFTA UPDATE

In the last issue, we showed that Americans were not following the debate about NAFTA closely. Attentiveness is still low, and the ambivalent structure of attitudes (fear of job loss, recognition of the benefits of free trade) remains. Education, income, and union status produce greater differences in opinions than party affiliation.

Question: How closely have you followed the news about the North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Mexico, sometimes known as "NAFTA" ...?

Have followed news Not too about NAFTA very/ somewhat closely

closely/ not at all

42% 58% Aug. 1993 44% 56% Sep.

Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN, latest that of September 10-12, 1993.

Question: How much have you heard about the North American Free Trade agreement called NAFTA ...?

Some

None (vol.)/

Don't know/

Have heard a great deal about NAFTA

Not much

Sep.

no answer Aug. 1993 43% 36%

Source: Surveys by CBS News/New York Times, latest that of September 16-19, 1993.

Question: How closely did you follow news stories about the debate about the free trade agreement between the United States. Canada, and Mexico?

Have followed news about NAFTA very/ fairly closely

1993

Not too/ not at all closely

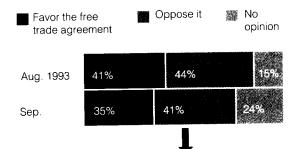
Don't know

Sep. 9-15,

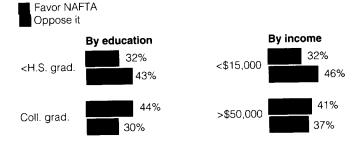
1% 43% 56% 1% 40% 59% Sep. 24-27

Source: Surveys by Princeton Survey Research Associates for the Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press, latest that of September 24-27, 1993.

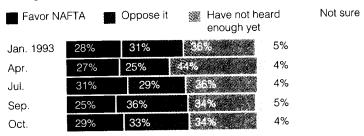
Question: Do you favor or oppose the proposed free trade agreement between the United States and Mexico? (Gallup)



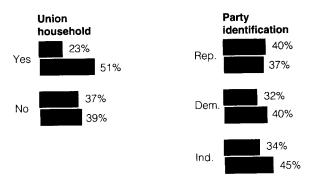
Responses of various groups September Gallup/USA Today/CNN poll



Question: Do you favor or oppose the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada that eliminates nearly all restrictions on imports, exports, and business investment between the United States, Mexico, and Canada? If you feel you have not heard enough about this issue yet to have an opinion, please just say so.



Source: Surveys by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, latest that of October 22-26, 1993.



Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN, latest that of September 10–12, 1993