Three Amigos’ Summit

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be hosting US President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto for a “North American leaders’ summit” next week.

TA1. We’d like to get an idea of Canadians’ views towards these two countries.

When you think about each of the following countries, would you say your overall opinion is:

[ROWS]
The United States
Mexico

[COLUMNS]
Very unfavourable
Mostly unfavourable
Mostly favourable
Very favourable
Don’t know

[RANDOMIZE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

TA2a. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about the United States.

[RANDOMIZE]
Canada should work to build a stronger relationship with the United States
The United States can be counted on as a dependable ally to Canada
The United States is a valuable trade partner to Canada
The United States is a risky venture for Canadian businesses
The United States is a nice place to visit

Strongly Disagree
Moderately Disagree
Moderately Agree
Strongly Agree
Don’t know

TA2b. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about Mexico.

[RANDOMIZE]
Canada should work to build a stronger relationship with Mexico
Mexico can be counted on as a dependable ally to Canada
Mexico is a valuable trade partner to Canada
Mexico is a risky venture for Canadian businesses
Mexico is a nice place to visit

Strongly Disagree
TA3. Thinking about the upcoming meeting between these three North American leaders, which of the following issues do you think should be the top priority topic of discussion:

- NAFTA and trade issues
- Business and investment
- Security issues
- Climate change
- Organized crime/drug trafficking
- Energy Policy/Infrastructure
- Immigration/border controls
- Other (Please specify)

TA4. The Canadian government has announced that it will no longer require Mexican citizens to apply for a visa to visit Canada, something which had been introduced in 2009 because of rising asylum claims (at one point up to nearly 1000 per month), but stifled business relationships and tourism between the two countries.

Do you support or oppose Canada now removing the visa requirement for Mexicans?

- Support
- Oppose
- Not sure / Don’t know

TA5. Canada and Mexico are sometimes on the same side of an issue and opposed to the US position – for example, in fighting against as “country-of-origin” labelling for food products and against "Buy American" campaigns excluding Canada and Mexico from US government purchases.

What is your overall view about greater Canada/Mexico co-operation on these types of mutual economic interests in the US? Would you say this is:

- A great strategy – we should seek out other such opportunities
- Not worthwhile – we still wouldn’t have enough clout against the US
- Not sure / Don’t know
**NAFTA**

[T] NA1. Canada, the US, and Mexico formed the North American Free Trade Agreement (or NAFTA) 22 years ago. Overall, would you say NAFTA has generally:

- Benefitted Canada
- Hasn’t really had an impact one way or the other
- Hurt Canada
- Not sure / Don’t know

NA2. Overall, what would you like to see happen with NAFTA over the next few years? Would you prefer to see NAFTA:

- Strengthened and expanded
- Left in place as is
- Re-negotiated
- Done away with entirely
- Not sure / Don’t know