

A North American Common Market?

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Methodology

- Poll conducted among 1015 adults 18 years-of-age and older, drawn from a proportionate random sample from across Canada from March 17th to March 21th, 2005.
- Margin of error +/- 3.1% 19 times out of 20.

Region	Interviews	Error Intervals
Atlantic	100	+/- 9.8%
Quebec	250	+/- 6.2%
Ontario	325	+/- 5.4%
Manitoba / Saskatchewan	100	+/- 9.8%
Alberta	100	+/- 9.8%
British Columbia	125	+/- 8.8%
Total Canada	1000	+/- 3.1%

- **Note:** Graphs may not always total 100% due to rounding values rather than any error in data.
- Sums are added before rounding numbers.

Key Findings

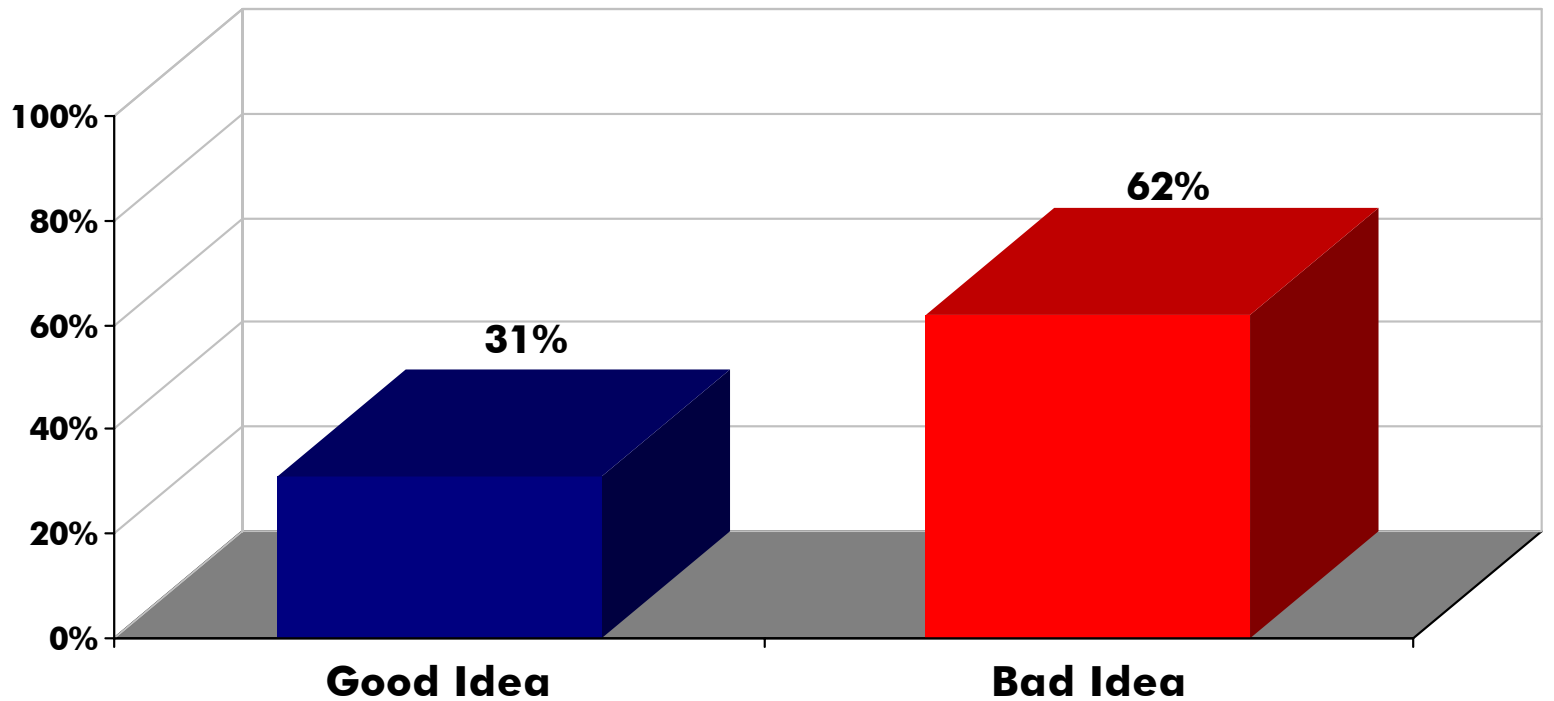
- By a two to one margin, a majority of Canadian feel a common market with the U.S. and Mexico is a bad idea
- Negative opinion of common market shared across income brackets, educations levels and age groups
- Regionally, BC (70%), Ontario (65%) and Alberta (63%) lead the provinces in negative opinion towards a proposed NA common market

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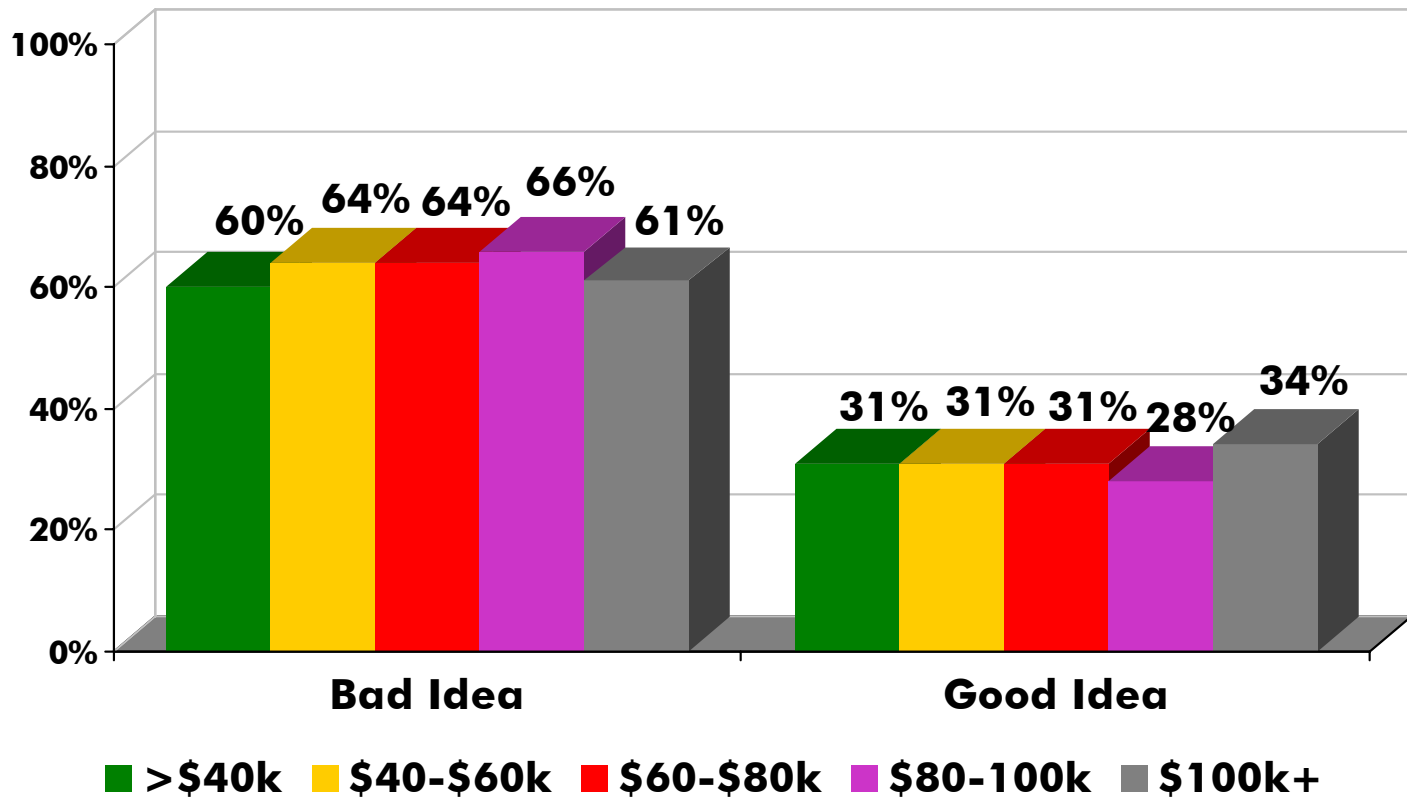
Other/some people say this is a bad idea because it means we may have to harmonize our employment, environmental and immigration laws with those of Mexico and the US and we will lose some of our independence.



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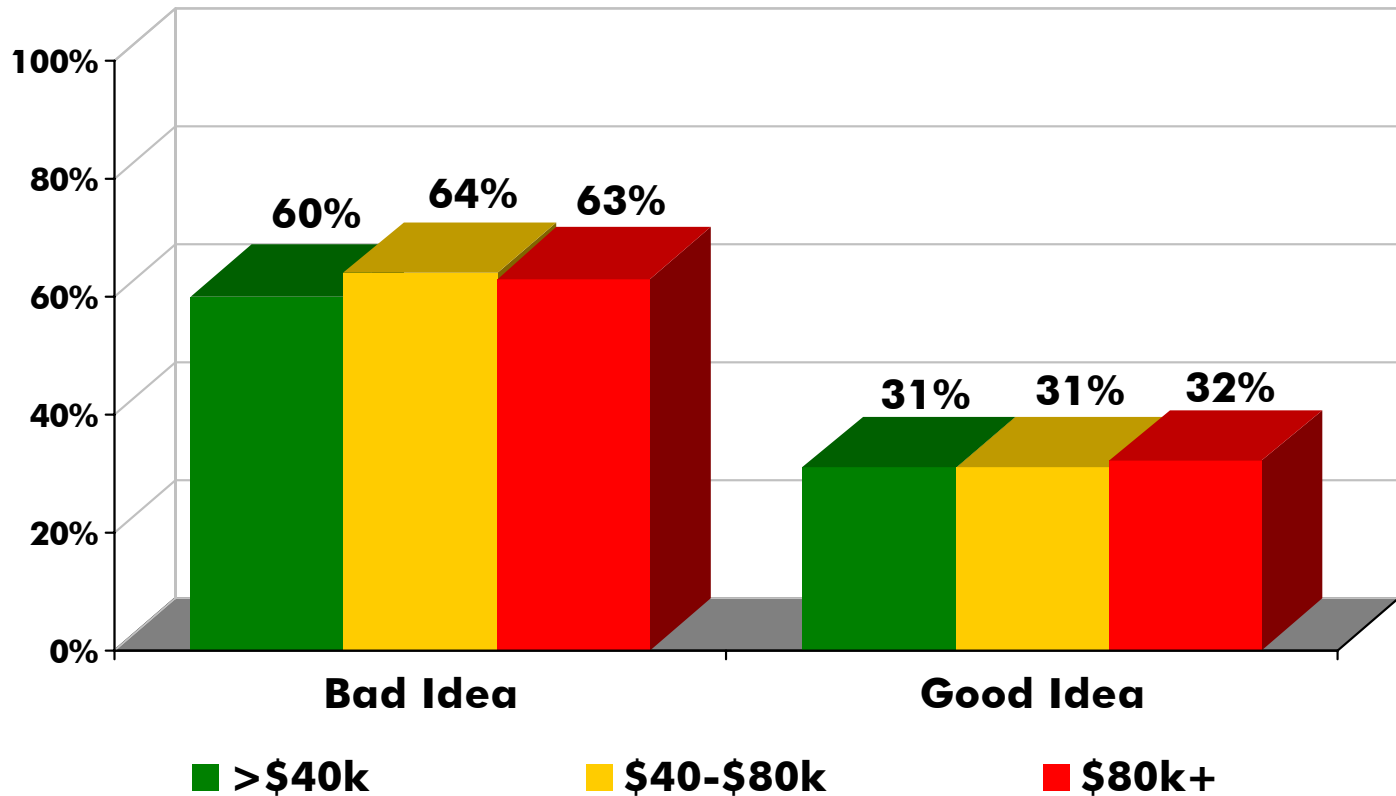
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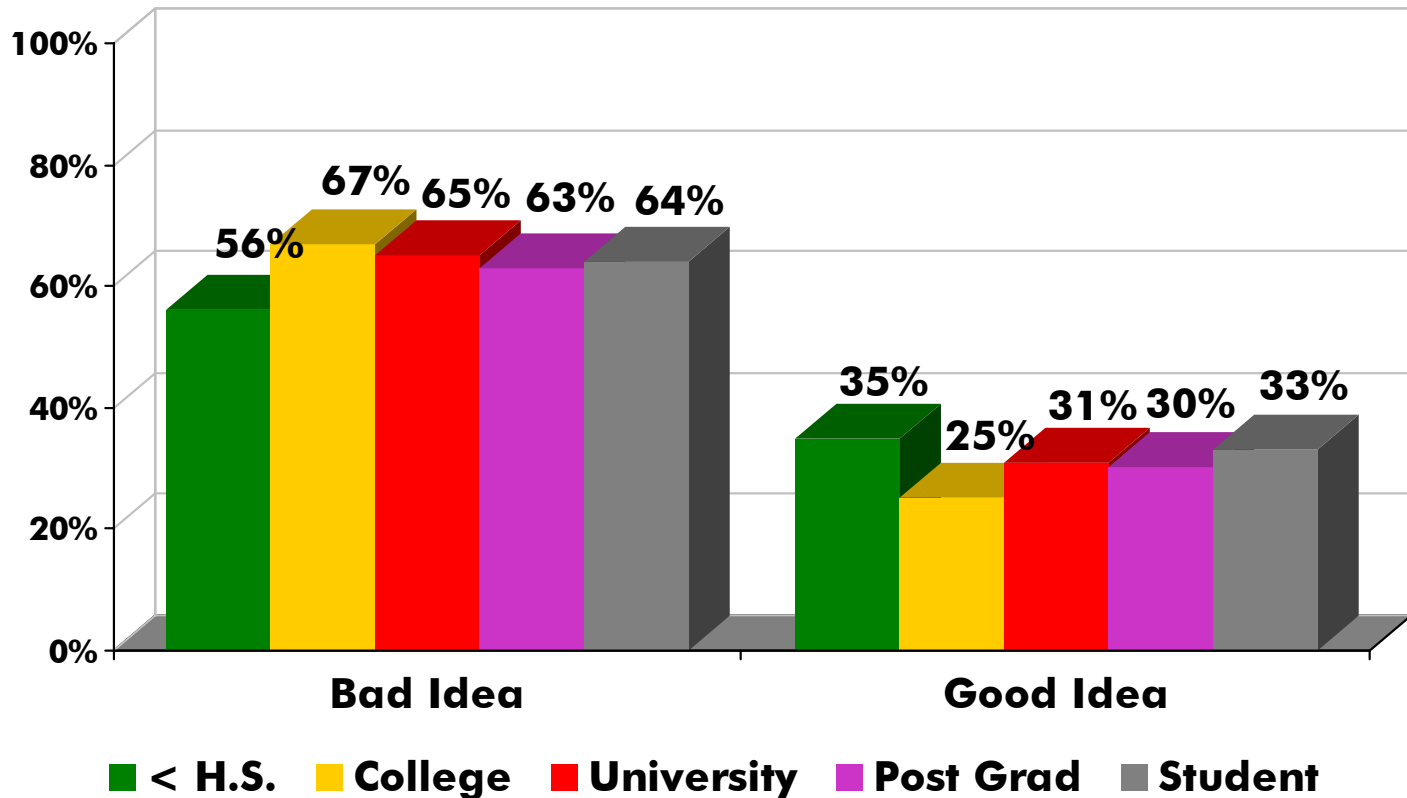
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Negative opinion of common market shared by Canadian of varying education levels

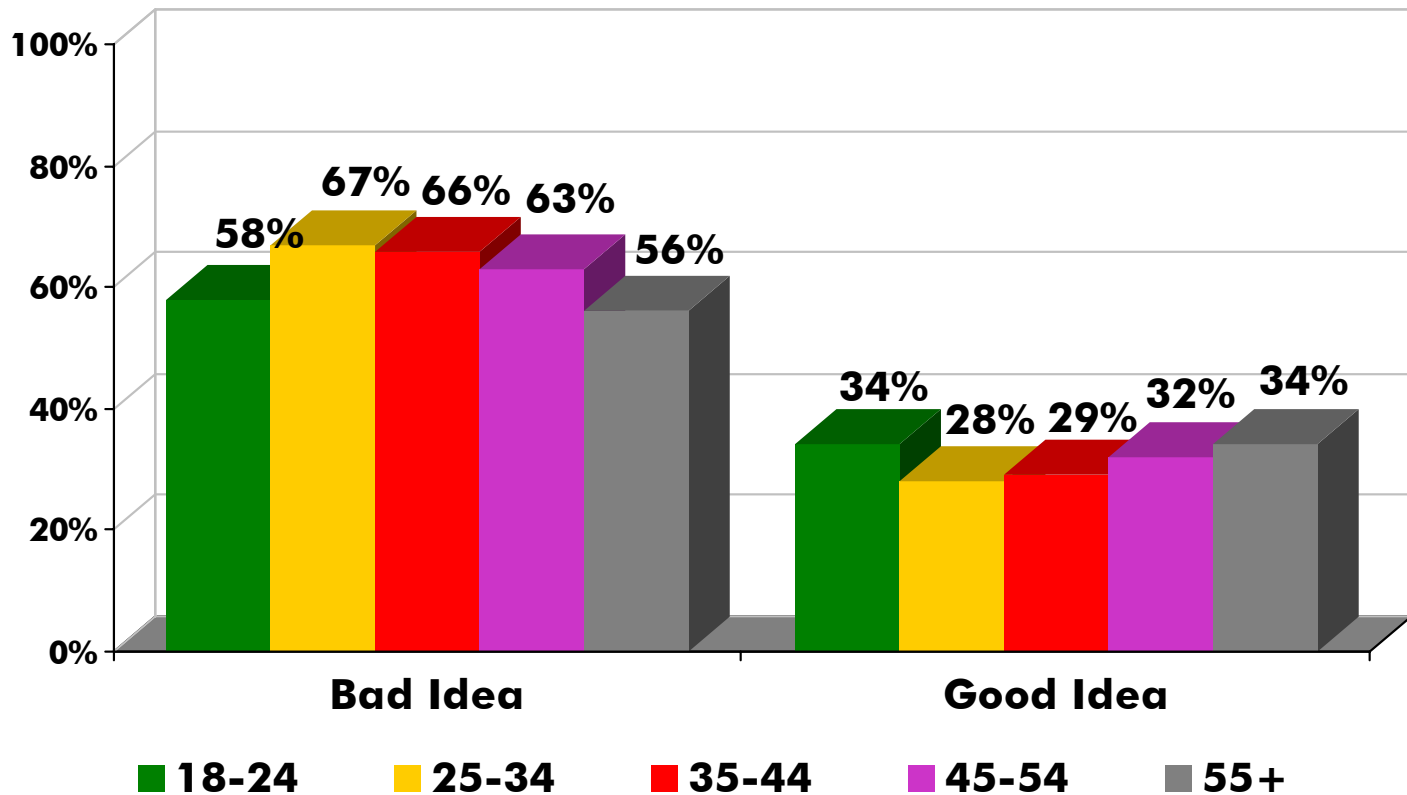
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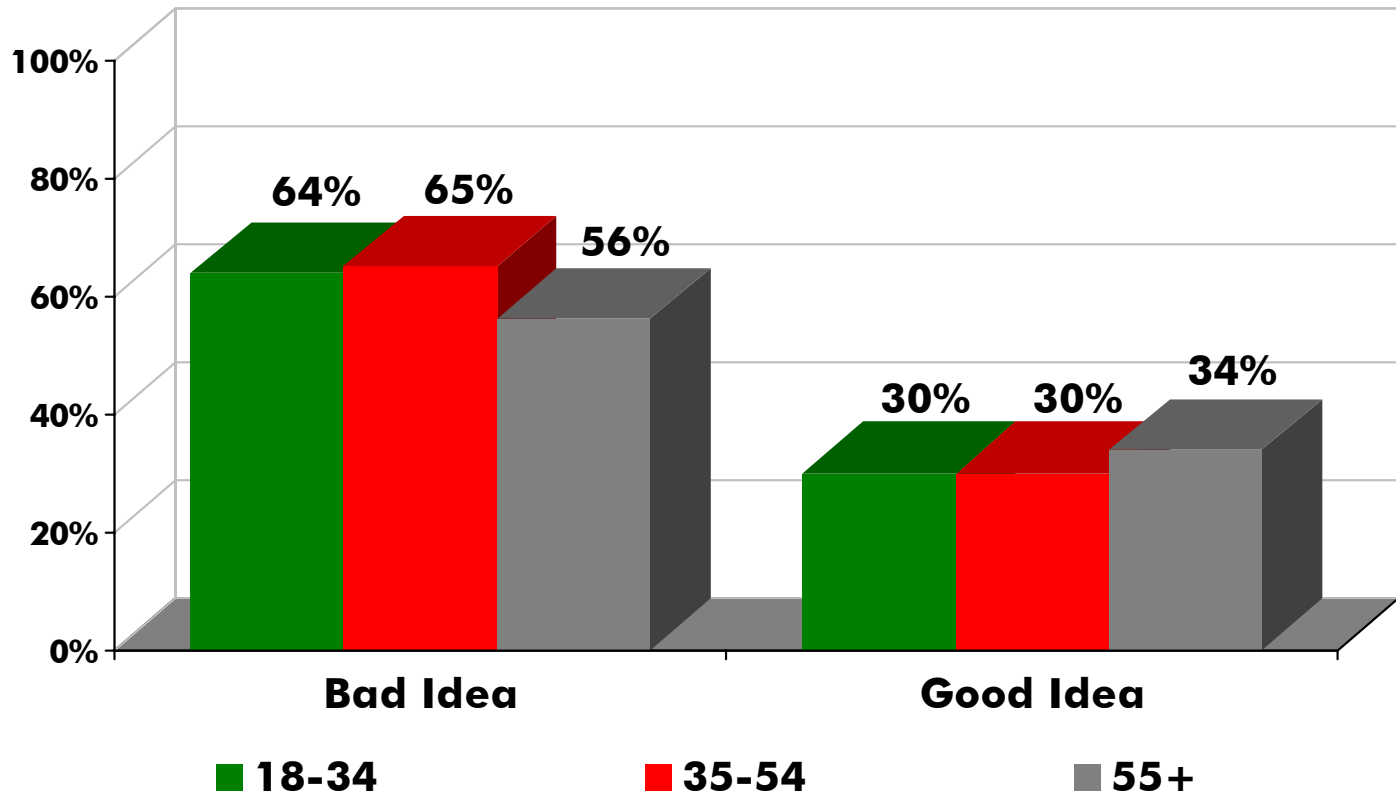
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BC, Ontario and Alberta lead the way in opposing a proposed NA common market

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