

DHM PANEL SURVEY – APRIL 2016
Foreign Trade
N=618 Oregon state voters

1. All things considered, would you say things in your state are headed in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

Response Category	N=618
Right Direction	45%
Wrong Track	44%
Don't Know	11%

Let's turn to a new topic: trade and the economy

2. Even if neither matches your thoughts exactly, which of the following statements about foreign trade is closer to your opinion?

Response Category	N=612
Foreign trade is <i>more of an opportunity</i> for economic growth through increased US exports	53%
Foreign trade is <i>more of a threat</i> to the economy through increased imports	36%
Don't know	10%

Below are a number of impacts that people often discuss about trade between the United States and foreign countries

Over the last few decades, has foreign trade been mostly positive or negative when it comes to...

Response Category	Very positive	Smewht positive	Equally pos/neg	Smewht negative	Very negative	Don't know
3. Wages for workers in the United States.	3%	6%	14%	32%	37%	8%
4. Wages for workers in foreign countries	16%	33%	14%	12%	13%	12%
5. Labor standards for workers in the United States	2%	15%	29%	27%	13%	14%
6. Labor standards for workers in foreign countries	5%	26%	17%	17%	16%	19%
7. Environmental protection in the United States.	3%	14%	35%	20%	11%	17%
8. Environmental protection in foreign countries	2%	12%	15%	23%	30%	18%
9. Farming and agriculture in the United States	8%	30%	18%	20%	16%	9%
10. Farming and agriculture in foreign countries	4%	27%	20%	12%	6%	31%
11. Manufacturing in the United States	2%	5%	9%	37%	42%	4%
12. Manufacturing in foreign countries	23%	37%	13%	11%	3%	13%
13. Prices for consumer goods in the United States	18%	46%	15%	10%	4%	7%
14. Prices for consumer goods in foreign countries	4%	21%	19%	13%	2%	41%
15. The variety of products and services available in the United States	19%	42%	23%	7%	2%	7%

Response Category	Very positive	Smewht positive	Equally pos/neg	Smewht negative	Very negative	Don't know
16. The variety of products and services available in foreign countries	13%	23%	26%	5%	1%	33%
17. Technological innovation in the United States	16%	33%	19%	11%	6%	15%
18. Technological innovation in foreign countries	16%	34%	16%	7%	1%	26%

Looking back over the last few decades, all things considered, do you think that trade between the United States and foreign countries has been mostly positive or negative for each of the following:

Response Category	Very positive	Smewht positive	Equally pos/neg	Smewht negative	Very negative	Don't know
19. You personally	6%	26%	33%	15%	8%	12%
20. The community where you live	6%	26%	23%	21%	11%	12%
21. The United States	5%	18%	20%	29%	21%	8%
22. Foreign countries that trade with the United States	16%	41%	20%	8%	2%	12%

23. Generally speaking, which do you think would be better for your community?

Response Category	N=287
A factory owned by a Canadian company that employed 2000 workers.	36%
A factory owned by an American company that employed 1000 workers	55%
Don't know	9%

24. Generally speaking, which do you think would be better for your community?

Response Category	N=316
A factory owned by a Chinese company that employed 2000 workers.	21%
A factory owned by an American company that employed 1000 workers	72%
Don't know	7%

25. Do you think the overall impact on the American economy would be positive or negative if foreign countries increased tariffs—that is, taxes or fees—on products that the United States exports?

Response Category	N=585
Very positive	1%
Somewhat positive	4%
Equally positive and negative	12%
Somewhat negative	40%
Very negative	34%
Don't know	9%

26. Do you think the overall impact on the American economy would be positive or negative if foreign countries increased tariffs—that is, taxes or fees—on products imported into the country?

Response Category	N=586
Very positive	9%
Somewhat positive	24%
Equally positive and negative	24%
Somewhat negative	21%
Very negative	15%
Don't know	7%

27. Which of the following do you think is most likely to happen if the United States enacted policies to make it more difficult and costly for foreign countries to sell their products to Americans?

Response Category	N=587
Foreign countries would agree to negotiate trade deals that are more favorable to the United States	28%
Foreign countries would retaliate by enacting their own policies that would make it more difficult and costly for the United States to sell products abroad.	60%
Don't know	12%

28. Below are four values that are often discussed when it comes to international trade. There may be others that you are concerned about, but do your best to rank these from the most (1) important to least (4) important to what you think would make the ideal trade policy for the United States?

Response Category	Most important N=567	2 nd most important N=547	3 rd most important N=547	4 th most important N=543
Increasing the wages of American workers	26%	27%	30%	17%
Increasing the number of jobs for American workers	50%	31%	12%	4%
Keeping the prices of goods and services low for American families	10%	32%	35%	23%
Providing work opportunities for the world's poorest people.	15%	9%	23%	56%