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Washington DC – A recent public opinion study conducted on behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing indicates that in the context of international trade deals, Americans prioritize protecting American jobs and making sure deals are fair.

- When asked “International trade agreements give Americans access to more foreign-made goods and products but at the risk of American manufacturing jobs being lost. What would you say is more important...?” 82% say protecting American manufacturing jobs to 15% saying getting Americans access to more products.
- Focusing on preventing currency manipulation, 89% say it is somewhat or very important when asked “Some foreign countries artificially keep their goods and products cheaper on the international market by manipulating their currency. How important is it to you that any international trade agreements negotiated by the United States have specific rules preventing currency manipulation...?”.
- Finally, 61% of Americans believe Congress should oppose any trade agreements that do not specifically prohibit currency manipulation, “If the Obama administration supports an international trade agreement that does not specifically prohibit currency manipulation, do you think the United States Congress should support or oppose that trade deal?”



These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of the Alliance for American Manufacturing from July 10 to July 15, 2014. For the survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 1,005 adults was interviewed by telephone and cell phone. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population of U.S. been polled. The margin of error will be larger within sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample's age/sex composition reflects that of the actual U.S population according to Census information.

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