**Discussion 1:**

If you are an American worker who is scared of losing their job, then vote against free trade.  Free trade has coasted millions of Americans workers their jobs due to outsourcing them to foreign countries for cheaper labor.  Due to the encouragement of NAFTA which is the North America Free Trade Agreement, "NAFTA encouraged multinational companies to move manufacturing jobs to Mexico, thus lowering the wages of U.S workers" (Flowers).  By NAFTA encouraging this many Americans have to be paid lower wages, hurting their income and their families by the NAFTA trade agreement.  However, NAFTA is just a small part of free trade that hurts our country, China is the main threat of free trade and American jobs. In the article, "Why Critics Of Free Trade Are Talking China, Not NAFTA, it states," Chinese trade is responsible for the loss of more than 2 million jobs between 1999 and 2011, and the affected U.S workers adapted much more poorly than expected, often unable to find work and relying instead on government assistance" (Flowers).  Trade with China has hurt the U.S economy forcing million of Americans to become unemployed and having to reach out for government aid to be able to support themselves and their families.  Free trade hurts our economy and our labor force, putting million of workers out of a job or with lower wages, calling for government intervention.  If you vote free trade, you are going to be paying for it one way or another, whether it is with your job, your wage, or your tax dollars, free trade hurts Americans, and it hurts America, "Trade deals are absolutely killing our country," (Trump).

**Discussion 2:**

Free trade is essential to the long term economic growth of a country. In the short term, free trade can have negative effects, including job loss in fields that are no longer needed or being produced in the United States. This factor turns away some voters to some of the free trade policies we have. In the article Economist Actually Agree on this: The Wisdom of Free Trade Mankiw discusses three beliefs that voters tend to have about free trade and why they are wrong. One of which being that there will be a loss of jobs which is true in the short run but the idea is to reemploy these people into growing fields. "Just as no sensible person tries to make all his own clothes and grow all his own food, he said, no sensible nation will aim to achieve prosperity by isolating itself from other nations around the world." (Mankiw). In order to advance we need to trade and protectionism is only going to harm the state of the economy. If the United States does choose to stop free trade it could very well lead to another recession as well as cause a finical crisis abroad. (Ip). Overall the benefits outweigh the negatives when it comes to free trade.