

As expected, 86 percent of the Resolute Antagonists believed that the agreement will hurt Canada.

5.2.3 Long-Term Impact on Employment

Opinion on long term impacts of the Free Trade Agreement was also investigated by asking respondents whether they felt that, in the long term, more jobs will be created or lost as a result of the Free Trade Agreement. Overall, one third of respondents felt that more jobs, either "a lot more" (10%) or "a few more" (23%) would be created, while 59 percent felt that either a lot more (39%) or a few more (20%) jobs would be lost. The balance (8%) were unsure. The views regarding job creation represent an increase of 5 percent from 28 percent in March of 1992 who felt that more jobs would be created. The percentage of respondents who felt that jobs would be lost because of the Free Trade Agreement dropped from 63 percent in March to 59 percent presently. Views were, however, much more optimistic two years ago. In September of 1990, an Angus Reid Group survey found 37 percent of respondents stating that more jobs would be created and 48 percent expecting that jobs would be lost [figure 12].

Figure 12

Impact of FTA on Job Creation

