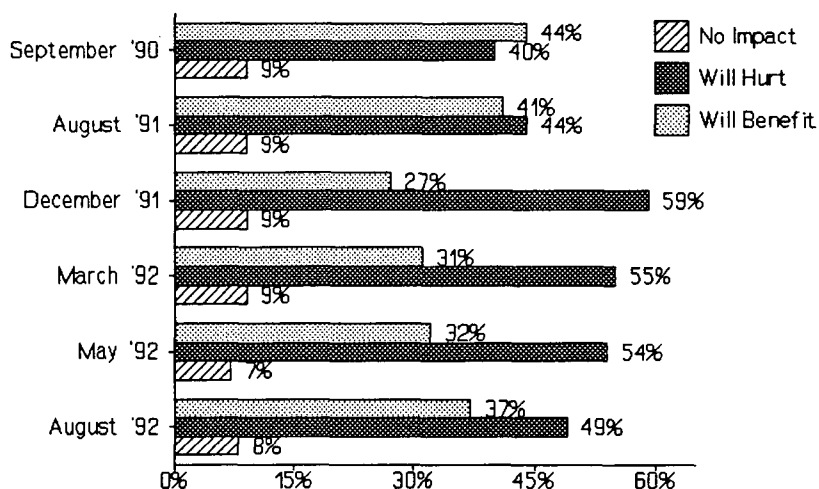


As the figure shows, over three-quarters of the Concerned Pragmatists (75%), and the Old-fashioned Opponents (79%) believed the agreement has hurt Canada.

5.2.2 Long-Term Impact on Canada

While two-thirds (67%) believed the effects of the Free Trade Agreement have been negative to date, slightly less than majority (49%) believed the Free Trade Agreement will hurt Canada in the long run. In addition, the view that Canada would be hurt in the long run has experienced a steady decline over the past nine months, from 54 percent in May of 1992, 55 percent in March of 1992, and 59 percent in December of 1991. The current survey findings were close to the results measured over the previous two years [figure 11].

Figure 11
Long-Term Impact of FTA on Canada



Thirty-seven percent stated that the Agreement will benefit Canada. Only 8 percent of those interviewed expected that the Agreement will have no long term impacts, compared to 20% who felt the agreement has had no impact since it has been in effect. The view that Canada would be hurt in the long run was strongest among those living in Atlantic Canada (55%), followed closely by British Columbia (54%) and Manitoba and Saskatchewan (54%).