

Most worrisome of the data on the FTA, is the continued belief that in the long-term the agreement will hurt (55%, down 4% since December) Canada. Prior to December 1991, the sustained belief that the FTA would help Canada in the long-term was the only question on which the previous free trade coalition hung together.

Regionally, B.C. (66% "will hurt") residents have the most negative view of the long-term consequences of the FTA, Québeckers (44% "will hurt") have the most positive. Demographically, concern is strongest among women, the less educated, and blue collar workers.

Table 31

Long-Term Impact of FTA on Canada

