

Table 9

JOBS AND AMERICAN INVESTMENT

	JUNE 1987 %	AUGUST 1987 %	OCTOBER 1987 %	NOV./DEC.		
				I %	II %	III %
The jobs which may be created by increased American investment in Canada are <u>not as important</u> as limiting American influence in the Canadian economy	41	41	39	38	35	35
The jobs created by increased American investment in Canada are <u>more important</u> than limiting American influence in the Canadian economy	59	57	59	58	62	62

The results would seem to indicate continuation through the November/December wave of a downward trend in the percentage of respondents who think jobs are not as important as limiting American influence in the Canadian economy. While the number of Canadians (six-in-ten) who believe that the jobs which would be created by free trade are more important than American economic influence has risen since June of 1987, the change has not been particularly significant. What appears to have happened is that fewer people say that jobs are not important and more people indicate that they are not sure.

Not surprisingly, residents of Atlantic Canada are considerably more likely to feel that new jobs are more important than U.S. influence (68% versus 62% of Canadians in the third wave). The same holds true for British Columbians, particularly in the second and third waves (74% and 68% respectively). On the other hand, Ontarians are consistently more likely than other Canadians to believe that jobs are not as important as limiting the U.S. influence in the Canadian economy (40%, 39% and 41% in Waves I-III respectively).