

War in Vietnam!

The Domino Theory

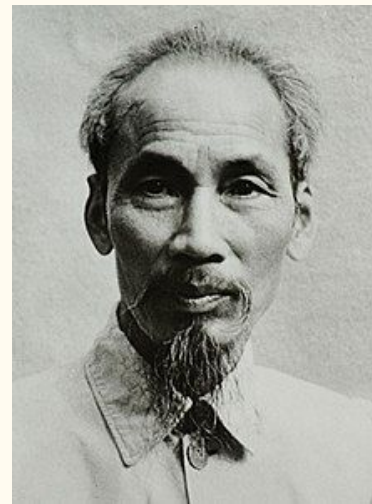
President Eisenhower developed the “**Domino Theory**” – if Vietnam fell to Communism, the U.S. believed all of Southeast Asia would fall like dominoes (China and North Korea already did)



War in Vietnam

Communists within South Vietnam (**Vietcong**) tried to take over the country with help from the North Vietnamese

–North and South Vietnam divided by ideologies



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South Vietnam was a Democracy led by Ngo Dinh Diem, who ended up being killed.

War in Vietnam

U.S. had been sending supplies to South Vietnamese

August 2, 1964 – U.S. destroyer attacked in Gulf of Tonkin (off Vietnamese coast)

August 7, 1964 – U.S. government passed Tonkin Gulf Resolution, Pres. Johnson given power to act

March 1965 – 1st U.S. combat troops arrived in South Vietnam (Operation Rolling Thunder – series of air attacks meant to destroy war industries in North Vietnam – it didn't work)

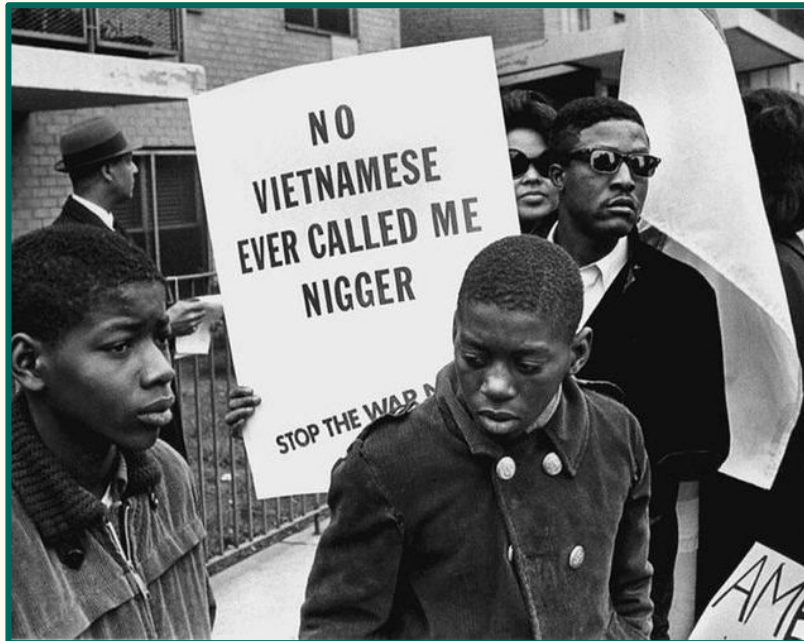
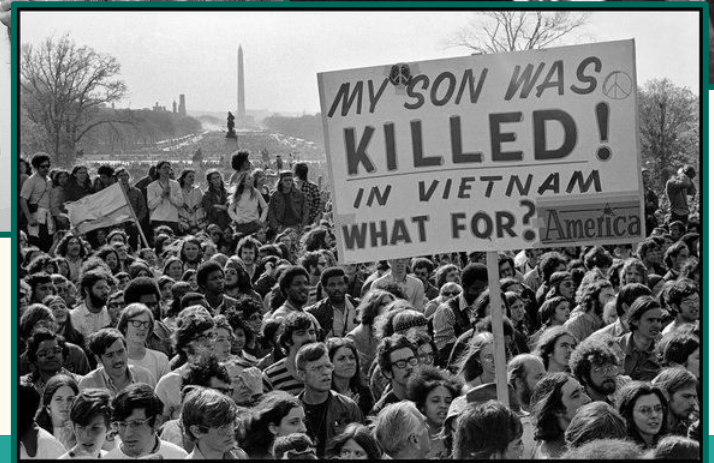


1964

THE GULF OF TONKIN INCIDENT

War in Vietnam

Americans were divided over whether the U.S. should be involved militarily in Vietnam.



War in Vietnam

1973 – the U.S. pulled out of Vietnam

- **Vietnamization** – U.S. trained South Vietnamese to carry on fight without them

1975 – City of Saigon fell to North Vietnam & Vietnam became a unified COMMUNIST COUNTRY



(HK-16)DANANG, APRIL 1-(AP)-ON THE WAY OUT-A barge crammed full with refugees is towed to the SS Pioneer Contender Sunday to be evacuated from Danang after the port city was lost to the communists.(AP RADIOPHOTO)(SEE WIRE STORY)4/1/75 af-po'1 1975

War in Vietnam

The conflict ended in a ceasefire agreement...



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VIETNAM ACCORD IS REACHED; CEASE-FIRE BEGINS SATURDAY; P.O.W.'S TO BE FREE IN 60 DAYS

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Following is a transcript of President Nixon's televised address to the nation last night on the Vietnam war, as recorded by the New York Times:

Good evening. I have asked for the men and women who sought for the purpose of announcing that we today have concluded an agreement to end the war and bring peace with honor to Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

The following statement is being issued at this moment in Washington and Hanoi:

At 12:30 Paris time today, Jan. 23, 1973, the agreement ending the war and achieving peace in Vietnam was signed by Mr. Henry Kissinger in behalf of the United States and General Nguyen Chi Tho in behalf of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

The agreement will be formally signed by the parties participating in the Paris Conference on Vietnam on Jan. 27, 1973, at the International Conference Center in Paris. The ceasefire will take effect at 12:01 Greenwich mean time, Jan. 27, 1973. The United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam express the hope that this agreement will insure stable peace in Vietnam and contribute to the preservation of lasting peace in Indochina and Southeast Asia.

Essential Conditions "Have Been Met"

Throughout the hours of negotiation, we were divided on peace with honor.

In my address to the nation this afternoon on Jan. 23 and later to the press, I said that no conditional ceasefire for peace with honor, in the assurance that has now been agreed to, will be concluded if it had down that have from inter-relationship immediately announced will begin at 7 P.M. this Saturday, Jan. 27.

CONGRESS UNITED IN VOICING RELIEF
Some Worry is Expressed on Persistence of Peace by Critics of War

By ARNOLD H. NATHANSON

TROOPS TO LEAVE
On TV, Nixon Asserts 'Peace With Honor' Is Aim of Pact

By HERMAN SWARTZMAN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—President Nixon said tonight that Henry A. Kissinger and North Vietnam's chief negotiator, Le Duc Tho, had signed an agreement in Paris today "to end the war and bring peace with honor to Vietnam and Southeast Asia."

In a televised report to the nation, a few hours after Mr. Kissinger returned to Washington, the White House said the pact would be signed in effect on Saturday at 7 P.M. Kissinger said the agreement was made in Hanoi and Saigon.

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- Over 58,000 Americans died
- 303,000 wounded
- Veterans who came home were spit upon and called baby killers
- Some veterans suffered post-traumatic stress syndrome

