

Vietnam: Where Do You Stand?

Directions: Please answer the following questions and be prepared for an in-class discussion/debate. These questions will give you an introduction to some of the larger issues surrounding the United States' involvement in Vietnam and many of the same questions continue to apply to our foreign conflicts today.

1. American lives should not be risked in areas of the world that do not affect U.S. security directly.
2. Most of the conflicts/problems in the world can be solved by U.S. money, military power, or determination.
3. Nations have a right to rule themselves free from outside control.
4. Using U.S. military force to force our values upon smaller nations is immoral, even if we think that it is in our nation's best interest.
5. Since the U.S. is the strongest democracy in the world, we have the primary responsibility for stopping aggression wherever it occurs.

12. Would you be more likely to object/protest publicly if someone you knew and loved was impacted (for instance, if your father, mother, sibling or uncle served in Iraq or Afghanistan)? Why or why not?

13. During times of war, it is acceptable for soldiers to pick and choose which orders they follow.
 - a. If given an order, which they felt was immoral or questionable, soldiers should be given the power to disobey the order and face no consequences.

14. During war, it is ok to target civilians.