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Vietnam: Where Do You Stand?

<u>Directions</u>: 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.

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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.

6.	The U.S. should use its power to make sure that all nations enjoy the same freedoms and political rights that Americans do. We have an obligation or responsibility to help other nations who are struggling for democracy.
7.	Do you think it is important for America to always keep its word and follow through on our commitments/promises? What if circumstances change after the promise was made?
8.	During times of war, it is necessary and reasonable that the U.S. government hide some of its policy decisions and actions from the American people.
9.	Is there a cause that you would give up your future plans and/or life for? YES / NO a. If yes, what?
10.	Do you feel that it is right for a country to demand that its citizens serve in the military regardless of whether or not they agree with the cause (a system known as the "draft")? Why or why not? (Israel, as an example, requires 2+ years of service from all of its citizens, male and female.)
	a. If such a system existed (and it does), would it be right/fair for such a system to only be required of men? YES / NOi. Why?
11.	Do you think disagreement is important in a country? (either between citizens or between citizens & govt) Is your answer any different if the nation is engaged in a time of war? (If yes, consider why.)

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.