

HAWKS VS. Doves

Fighting in Vietnam is a patriotic duty and an honor.

The war in Vietnam is a civil war between North and South Vietnam; it is none of our business. Would we have wanted France to get involved in our Civil War in the 1860s?

We must stop communist aggression – the Domino Theory is a valid fear. If one nation in Southeast Asia falls to the communists, neighboring countries soon will too.

We should not uphold and give financial support to the corrupt government in South Vietnam; this is a no-win war.

We must honor our treaty commitments (SEATO, CENTO, etc).

Communism in Asia – specifically Southeast Asia – is not a threat to us. Why should we care about what goes on there? We have problems of our own here!

We must protect our economic interests in Asia. We have many investments there and being involved in Southeast Asia will ensure protection for decades.

Military commitments usually mean fighting and death... it could even possibly lead to a nuclear war.

We must help the South Vietnamese friends who want American democratic institutions.

Our government leaders have misled us – we are not winning!

Americans are the "policemen of the world." We can not disappoint or abandon people who desire freedom

We will lose good young men and waste billions of dollars.

We must win the war to secure the peace.

We are killing innocent Vietnamese. We must stop fighting and negotiate a treaty as soon as possible.

Where do you stand?