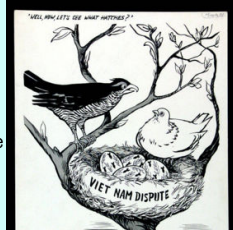


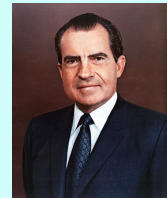
A Nation Divided

- How is the United States divided domestically when it comes to the war? Who are the different parties?
- How does this play a role in the cost of U.S.'s increased presence in the world?



New President & Vietnamization

- Nixon came to office on the promise of ending the war.
- His strategy was "Vietnamization."
 - Brought American troops home while increasing the air war over North Vietnam and relying more on the South Vietnamese army for ground attacks.
 - Also involved expanded US involvement into neighboring Laos & Cambodia to cut off supplies to the North Vietnamese
- Part of Nixon's strategy of détente: the general easing of tensions between the USSR and the US.



Kent State

- Kent State University in Ohio, May 4th 1970.
 - Student protest led to the burning of an ROTC building.
 - National Guard was called.
 - National Guard fired live ammunition into a crowd of student protestors who were throwing rocks at them.
 - 9 people wounded and 4 killed, two of which who didn't participate in the protest.
 - Shooting shocked the nation and continued the dove/hawk divide.



The Pentagon Papers

- June 1971, former Defense Dept. worker Daniel Ellsberg leaked what became known as the Pentagon Papers.
- It was a military history of U.S involvement in Vietnam from 1945-1967.
 - Papers provided evidence that the Johnson administration had wanted to contain China & communism, provoked the North Vietnamese and along with the Kennedy administration, had engaged in political corruption.



Video Clip!

- *Vietnam in HD*
 - Episode Four: An Endless War
 - 1:26-7:20
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JR9eYg75eoQ>
 - Episode Six: Peace With Honor
 - 17:42-28:00
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rz-nhp-zsbo>

The Fall to Communism

- From March 1973 until the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, the South Vietnamese army tried desperately to save the South from political and military collapse.
- On the morning of April 30, Communist forces captured the presidential palace in Saigon, ending the Vietnam War.
- Vietnam became a communist nation and it remains so today.

