

ESCALATION

Vietnam Conflict Outcomes: Americanization

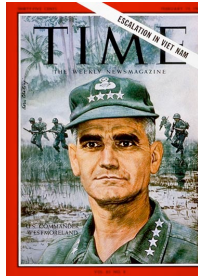


1. Gulf of Tonkin Incident

- _____ was not soft on **Communism**
- U.S. attacked in the **Gulf of Tonkin**; allowed President Johnson to send more troops to Vietnam _____ of war
- Was it a _____?

2. Escalation

- U.S. troops were led by **Gen. William** _____
- Due to the draft, U.S. troops numbered _____ by 1968
- Draft was seen as _____ to blacks and poor



3. The Fighting

- Fighting was very difficult due to:



- _____
- Dense _____ with _____ sharp leaves
- _____ enemy: _____ blended in with South Vietnamese
- Vietcong used elaborate _____ to hide and move troops
- U.S. soldiers _____ whole villages and destroy _____ so as to remove supplies that could be used by VC
- U.S. soldiers often became _____
- Some U.S. soldiers _____ due to uncertainty of enemy whereabouts

4. _____

- U.S. low point --> Public support began shifting against the war due to:



- Intense _____ coverage (_____)
- _____ **Offensive**: Simultaneous **NVA** attack on nearly every major _____ city; public opinion questioned were we winning or not?
- Skyrocketing U.S. casualties (_____ died in 1968 alone)
- President Johnson _____ of election race on March 31
- _____ : **Mass murder** of 300-500 innocent unarmed citizens in South Vietnam; Ordered by Lt. Calley; not publicized until 1969 and made many wonder if U.S. was the "bad guys"

5. Election of Richard Nixon

- Nixon is **elected** in ____ after Johnson decides not to run for re-election
- Nixon promises troop _____ - _____ and to turn war back over to S.V.
- This begins the _____ phase of the conflict

