

A Nation Divided

Avoiding the War:

- Looked for lenient draft boards*
- A common way to get a deferment was by enrolling in college, which generally required having money*
- Found doctors to give medical deferments*
- Joined the National Guard or Coast Guard; enrolled in college*
- Nearly 80 percent of U.S. soldiers came from lower economic levels*

Opposing the War:

- Publicly burned draft cards*
- Held antiwar demonstrations in public areas*
- The belief that the war was draining U.S. strength; the belief that the war was immoral*
- New Left organizations*
- Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)*
- College students & the young*
- Johnson's revoking college deferments for those not in good academic standing*
- The belief that the war did not concern the U.S.*
- Fled to Canada and Sweden & marched on Washington*
- The Free Speech Movement (FSM)*

Defending the War:

- Supported U.S. involvement*
- Felt that Johnson should escalate the war more quickly*