

The End of the War and Its Legacy

- Americans very torn and bitter about the war, some call U.S. soldiers "baby killers"
- The U.S. invasion of Cambodia leads to rise of Khmer Rouge
- To protest Nixon's bombing & invasion of Cambodia without notifying Congress & to gain greater Congressional control over U.S. military policy in Vietnam
- The Pentagon Papers, revealed that the Johnson administration was lying about the war; the My Lai massacre; the government's response to campus turmoil at Kent State; the Nixon administration's lying & the Watergate scandal
- It was extremely unpopular & caused class warfare in America
- To remove Vietnamese and Vietcong supply centers from Cambodia
- North Vietnam's full-scale invasion of South Vietnam and the capture of Saigon; no U.S. troops there to prevent the North's victory
- To replace U.S. troops with South Vietnamese troops & to establish "peace with honor"
- Cover-up of 200 innocent Vietnamese murdered by U.S. soldiers
- To curb the president's war-making powers
- Nixon's strategy to force a negotiated peace settlement
- Action taken by students to protest the invasion of Cambodia