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Protests against war in Vietnam took place in the early 1960s and continued throughout the decade. This image depicts such a protest in 1970 when students from Florida State University (FSU) took to the streets. Florida Memory—The State Library & Archives of Florida—has [released this image](#) (#RC01458) into the public domain. It has this title: “FSU students marching for anti-war protest - Tallahassee, Florida.”

Student [protests](#) during [Lyndon Johnson's](#) Administration intensified as U.S. troop build-up and American deaths increased.

Despite the President's [record](#) on [Civil Rights](#) (follow the links to view both his signature on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the signing ceremony), LBJ could not escape mounting popular [dissatisfaction](#) with the way he was handling the [conflict in Vietnam](#).

Americans were concerned about needless deaths:

- Of [innocent civilians](#) as North and South Vietnam fought each other;
- Of Buddhist priests who set themselves [on fire](#) because they [disagreed](#) with the leaders of South Vietnam;
- Of Vietnamese soldiers.

They were even more concerned about the [escalating](#) war and the rising body count of U.S. military personnel. The President knew that would happen. In March of 1964, he was concerned about the same issues. Follow this [link](#) to hear recently released, secretly [taped conversations](#) between LBJ and a few of his most trusted advisors - like Senator [Richard Russell](#).

What you hear may surprise you. For example, the President observes:

I've got a little old sergeant that works for me over at the house, and he's got six children, and I just put him up there as the United States Army, Air Force and Navy every time I think about making this decision, and think about sending that father of those six kids in there. And what the hell are we going to get out of his doing it? And it just makes the chills run up my back.

Senator Russell replies:

It does me. I just can't see it.

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Student Protest - Vietnam War

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President Lyndon Johnson

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Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Signing Ceremony

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President Johnson - Feeling the Pressure of Vietnam

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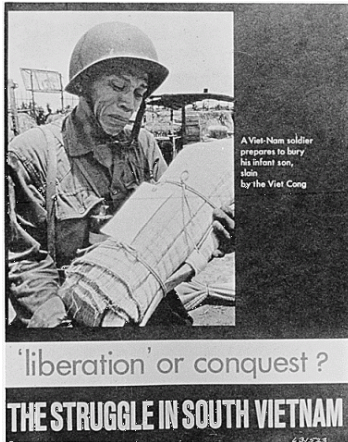
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Thich Quang Duc - Car and Protest Sign

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Senator Richard Russell with President Johnson

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