

# **Why America is involved in every major war**

And the effects on developing countries

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# **1 Introduction**

“War against a foreign country only happens when the moneyed classes think they are going to profit from it.”

— George Orwell [15]

## **1.1 The purpose of this Term Paper**

At the time of writing this, war is increasingly becoming a more important topic, with the invasion of Ukraine in 2022 [17], increasing complications between China and Taiwan [10] as well as the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and the following takeover from the Taliban [14]. In the western world, people usually take a side with the US or other western countries and see them as the "good guys", however people often fail to see the background of the war and completely ignore the fact that wars are not for the "Liberation of of a country" [5], but for the profit of those, who win the war. Which, due to the West being the strongest Military force, is guaranteed to be the West. With this Term paper I want to show that there are no "good guys" in a war, only "better guys" at best. The reason I chose America for this is simple, America is the strongest force in the NATO [3], meaning it also has the most influence in NATO decisions. If I want to show the reasons of a war, then America will be the best example since other NATO countries follow America in a lot of war decisions. But it should also be noted that America is not the only one guilty of starting wars because of money, every war is in some way caused by money, no matter if the war was started by America, Russia, China or any other country. Every war is a crime on humanity and an example as to why Capitalism is a horrible economic structure.

## **1.2 List of wars America was involved with**

Since the second World War, America has been involved in four War operations [13]. The Korean war [13], Vietnam war [13], Operation Desert Storm [13], which is also known as the Gulf War [19], and the Global War on Terror [13]. In these four wars the US committed a bunch of war crimes [1] [18] [2] [16], the most common one being massacres of unarmed civilians [9] [7] [20]. The US made no efforts in cooperating with human rights organizations or the International Criminal Court, effectively commending any wary crimes committed [11].

## **1.3 Vietnam War**

### **1.3.1 History**

The Vietnam War is most likely one of the most well-known wars America was involved with. The origins of the war date back to the end of the second world war in 1945, where Japan withdrew its soldiers from Vietnam, which was split up into the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, under control of Ho Chi Minh, who strove to create a country following Chinese and Soviet Communism [8] and the state of Vietnam under control of the French emperor Bao Dai, who wanted a Vietnam which had close cultural and economic ties to the West [8]. Both sides of Vietnam had signed a treaty in the year 1945 during the Geneva Convention, which split Vietnam along the 17 degrees North Latitude, also known as 17th Parallel and set Minh in control of the North and Dai in control of the South. This lasted until 1955, where Ngo Dinh Diem, a "strongly anti communist politician" [8], became President of the Southern part of Vietnam. Due to the cold war and the US hardening policies against any Communist states, the current US President Eisenhower pledged "firm support to Diem and South Vietnam" [8]. With the formation of the National Liberation Front in 1960, which was meant to be a resistance against Diem and request of a US report team, John F. Kennedy started increasing US Military Aid in South Vietnam based on the Domino Theory [8], which assumed that once a country falls to communism, many other countries would follow, like a chain of dominoes [6]. The situation escalated in 1965 when Lyndon B. Johnson sent US Combat Troops to Vietnam.

### **1.3.2 War Crimes**

## **1.4 The Global War on Terror**

Specifically noteworthy is the Global War on Terror, which itself consists of the Afghanistan and Iraq War [4]. The Global War on Terror was a response to the 9/11 Attacks [12] and was meant to defeat al-Qaeda and other Terrorist groups, as well as the Governments that gives these groups shelter [4]

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