

Foreign Policy of the Truman through Nixon Administrations - Example 3 Answer

The United States experience in the Vietnam War supports the idea that the outcome of a war

- a. is determined mainly by technological superiority
- b. is dependent on using the greatest number of soldiers
- c. is assured to countries dedicated to democratic ideals
- d. can be strongly affected by public opinion

Answer

D. can be strongly affected by public opinion.

The movement against the involvement of the United States in the **Vietnam War** began in the U.S. with demonstrations in 1964 and grew in strength in later years. The U.S. became polarized between those who advocated continued involvement in Vietnam, and those who wanted peace.

Public support for the war decreased as the war raged on throughout the sixties and beginning part of the 1970s. The counter culture against the war ranged from students to hippies to veterans, to women and minorities. There was a strong anti – war movement in art and music also.

In August of 1965, 52% of Americans were in agreement with the war, down to 28% in May of 1971.

Another cause of the lack of support for the war is that it never received any formal Declaration of War from Congress.