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### PART 1

I read about Tom O'Hara. The part of this that stood out to me was his similarity to my cousin who was in the National Guard for a period of time. O'Hara talks about how in coming home he saw protestors against the way acting like they had a "great moral position" and he says that he felt like going up to them and "throttling them because he felt like all this so called morality was shit and they were only really saying they did not want to be sent to Vietnam and have their asses kicked. O'Hara knew what was really going on over in Vietnam he had experienced the "ass kicking" and was angry about the way people treated and blamed their time in Vietnam. He says "I have a low tolerance for Vietnam vets who blame everything that's happened to them in the last thirty years on the twelve months they spent over there." Because of my cousin and the stories I heard, saying that war does not traumatize a man is a bit too black and white but I do understand when he says when we take it over the line and blame everything on only that it is exaggerated. He had an experience and he had his own outcome but the rage that was brought out of him in response to the people around him, in my eyes, was a turning point for him.

### PART 2

Looking at Chalmers Johnson's view of the end of the way and the antiwar protests it helped me to understand even more the way the two sides were feeling. Johnson felt as if the antiwar protesters were out of their minds and didn't know what they were talking about but he comes about around and says as I look back and as we can to the end I realized that each side had its fall. Each side of peoples were stuck in their thoughts and stuck in their ways but all in all he felt as if though he should have stuck with the antiwar protestors because all in all "they grasped something essential about the nature of America's imperial role in the world that I had failed to perceive." In the end he regretted his decision but yet he looks back and sees where he went wrong.

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