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by Joe Escobar - Friday, May 26, 2017, 8:04 AM

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My thoughts on the survey

by Jay Autry - Sunday, May 28, 2017, 10:19 PM

This course has provided me with a unique way to study history that I had previously not been exposed too. In past history classes I have had one text book that told the story from a single point of view. I was not challenged to question the validity of the facts it presented me nor the potential biases. In this course, we are presented with multiple vessels that we use to discover the truths of the Vietnam War. By utilizing first hand accounts (from all sides), documentary footage, as well as articles, we are able to analyze the information we are presented more accurately. We have been encouraged to challenge information we are presented and use our judgement to discover the truth.

That being said, I believe my answers to the survey were more representative of my past experiences. Although my opinions of certain facts have changed since taking this course, I found myself leaning on my personal experiences when answering the survey questions. I believe that it is fair, right, and constructive to pass judgement on the decisions made by the leaders of our nation. By studying history we are able to analyze decisions made by our leaders and the effects those decisions have on the world we live in today. As a society we decide what is wrong or right and by forming collective opinions we shape the way we view actions. For example, as Americans we see the formation of this great nation as a necessary action that our forefathers took against a tyrannical king. One could pose the opinion that our forefathers were simply mutinous colonists who had no right to rebel against the British, however they would get laughed out of any room they posed that opinion in. We must study and challenge the past in order to learn from mistakes. It is our duty to question decisions and constructively judge our leaders in order for the negative aspects of our history to not repeat themselves.

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Class Influence on Survey Questions

by Kelsey Gilseth - Sunday, May 28, 2017, 10:51 PM

I would say that my responses to the survey questions have definitely been influenced by the material we have studied in this class, especially the first question. My top three picks were the following:

- The gulf between the developed and developing worlds will widen, making it increasingly difficult to address common problems

- Nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons will proliferate and end up in the hands of terrorists

- Damage to the global environment will become irreparable

Two of the three I picked were the top picked by our class according to the survey. We may not have learned a great deal about damage to the global environment in this class, but it did come up from time to time. However, nuclear war power was mentioned several times, specifically after Nixon was elected president. "On Nixon's orders, Kissinger convened a special, top secret National Security Council study group to draw up plans (code-named DUCK HOOK) for what he described as "savage, punishing blows" against North Vietnam, including massive bombing attacks on the major cities, a blockade of the ports, and even, possibly, the use of tactical nuclear weapons in certain "controlled" situations,' (pg. 287 Herring). Nixon is an example of too much power going to a person's head. He was by no means a terrorist, but if a president can make comments like this, it is only natural for us to fear that nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons could fall into the hands of terrorists in the future. The third class pick was "A clash between ideologies and political values will fuel conflict and instability in the world." I almost picked this and then changed my mind at the last minute. The Vietnam War is an excellent example of this taking place. The reason the Vietnam War escalated to such high levels and lasted for so long is that the United States feared the domino theory, or the spread of communism. They were willing to fight a war that was not ultimately their fight all due to a clash of ideologies and political values. As a result, "sides" were formed. The US originally got involved to show their support for their French ally, and

they feared Chinese and Soviet Union intervention. Something similar to this could happen again in the future, so I can see why our class would choose this response after all we've learned this term.

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