

End of Instruction Notes - Day 5

1963—Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) moves up to President. He starts civil rights initiatives, war on poverty, Vietnam War. His term was called the Great Society. LBJ's goal was to build a better society for all that was equitable racially and economically. Head Start a preschool program for low income. Medicare—health care for elderly. Medicaid—health care for low-income families.

Women's Movement

1966—NOW (National Organization for Women) started by Betty Friedan—movement came of age in 70s, better career opportunities, lawyers, doctors, engineers, even military. Women's issues became more public, child care, women's shelters, domestic violence

1973—Roe v. Wade—Supreme Court legalized abortion

Vietnam

1800s—French colony—Japan took control in WWII—French tried to take it back after war
1950—Pres. Truman pledges support to France—by 1954 US pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of French war costs in Vietnam. Pres. Eisenhower defends policy by stressing “domino theory” if Vietnam falls to communism then so would the rest of Southeast Asia

1954—Geneva Conference divided Vietnam into two parts. Ho Chi Minh—North Vietnam—communist. Diem—South Vietnam—gov't friendly to US kept in power with US support. US involvement lasted from 1955-1975 included economic aid, advisors, military trainers, troops. Diem assassinated 3 weeks before JFK—The new South Vietnamese gov't in trouble. Viet Cong—communists guerillas in South Vietnam.

1964—Pres. Johnson was not going to lose Vietnam—increased troops. LBJ announced N. Vietnam torpedo boats attacked 2 American destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution authorized Pres “to take all necessary steps to repel any armed attack against armed forces of the US and to prevent further aggression”

1968—Tet Offensive—Viet Cong attack on Saigon the Capital of S. Vietnam. Finally turned back but a major psychological victory that they could attack anytime, anywhere. US started saturation bombing.

Protests—Teach-in the Faculty at University of Michigan held informal discussion of war and reasons for opposing it. (1) civil war we had no business in (2) S. Vietnam gov't corrupt we should not support it. Student protest thought draft was unfair, college students could defer military until after graduation. So mostly low income and minorities drafted. People burned draft cards and fled to Canada. Anti-war protest at Kent State University 4 students killed by National Guard