



America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975, 6th edition

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Chapter Changes

Chapter 1 A Dead-End Alley: The United States, France, and the First Indochina War, 1950–1954

- Updated research and references
- Expanded biographical information on Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Vietnamese Revolution
- Expanded discussion of events leading up to the First Indochina War
- Updated discussion of internationalization of the First Indochina War, 1949–1950
- Expanded discussion of the Battle of Dien Bien Phu
- Expanded discussion of the Geneva Conference

Chapter 2 Our Offspring: Nation Building in South Vietnam, 1954–1961

- Updated research and references

- Expanded discussion of the immediate challenges posed by Post-Geneva Vietnam
- Discussion of the myth that the United States put Ngo Dinh Diem in power in 1954
- Expanded discussion of the sects crisis of 1955
- Updated discussion of nation-building in South Vietnam
- Expanded discussion on the origins of insurgency in Vietnam

Chapter 3 Limited Partnership: Kennedy and Diem, 1961–1963

- Updated research and references
- Discussion of the Strategic Hamlet program launched by Diem and Hu in 1962
- Expanded discussion of Project Beefup
- Expanded discussion of President Kennedy's initial approval of the limited use of chemical defoliants and herbicides, the origins of chemical warfare in Vietnam
- Discussion on how the Vietnam War might have unfolded under President Kennedy had he not been assassinated

Chapter 4 Enough, but Not Too Much: Johnson's Decisions for War, 1963–1965

- Updated research and references
- Expanded discussion on President Lyndon B. Johnson's decisions regarding the conflict in Vietnam in 1963-1965
- Expanded discussion on President Johnson's struggle to balance decisions about U.S. involvement in Vietnam with domestic policy and plans for his Great Society program
- Expanded discussion on the steps leading up to a major U.S. war with Vietnam

Chapter 5 On the Tiger's Back: The United States at War, 1965–1967

- Updated research and references
- Expanded discussion on chemical warfare in Vietnam
- Expanded discussion of U.S. military operations in Vietnam and warfare tactics
- Expanded discussion on Americanization of the Vietnam War and the effects of U.S. influence on the region
- Expanded discussion on U.S. involvement in nation-building and pacification efforts in Vietnam during the war
- Expanded discussion on the conflict between the pro-war movement and anti-war activists in the United States
- Expanded discussion on Washington's policies and decisions during the Vietnam War, divided opinions in government, and attempts to influence public perception of the conflict from 1965-1967
- New maps depicting key events of the Vietnam War from 1965-1967

Chapter 6 A Very Near Thing: The Tet Offensive and After, 1968

- Updated research and references
- Expanded discussion on the Tet Offensive and its effects
- Expanded discussion of the move towards Vietnamization

- Expanded discussion of Vietnam War protests in 1968

Chapter 7 A War for Peace: Nixon, Kissinger, and Vietnam, 1969–1973

- Updated research and references
- Significantly revised discussion on efforts towards peacemaking in Vietnam and the final years leading up to U.S. withdrawal from the war
- New and expanded discussion on U.S. decision-making in 1969 that led to the abandonment of Duck Hook and the fallback on Vietnamization
- Expanded discussion of the Kissinger-Le Duc Tho secret talks leading to the 1973 Paris agreements
- Expanded discussion of military operations and pacification under General Creighton Abrams
- Updated photos

Chapter 8 The Postwar War and the Legacies of Vietnam

- Updated research and references
- Revised and expanded discussion of postwar events in Vietnam and the U.S. from the end of the war to the present
- Expanded discussion of the impact of the Vietnam War on both the U.S. and Vietnam
- Expanded discussion on how the Vietnam War has affected foreign policy and U.S. military intervention
- Discussion of recent developments in U.S.-Vietnam relations
- Updated maps