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Cold War developed as a result of conflict between US and Soviet Union together with their allies. The cold War had limited recourse to weapons and was waged on economic, political and propaganda fronts. As a product of cold war, Vietnam War erupted. The causes of the War resulted from components, symptoms and impacts of the cold War[[1]](#footnote-1). The Vietnam War was conflict between the communist government of the Northern part of Vietnam against the Southern region and its ally United States. The war started in1954 and came to an end in 1975. Americans felt they could lose the cold war due to the fast spread of communism ideology that was supported by their rivals the Soviet Union and therefore decided to engage in the Vietnam War. Almost three million persons were killed including over 58, 000 Americans. In addition, most troops who served in Vietnam suffered from addiction to drugs and alcohol abuse, post-traumatic related stress disorder and divorce. Between 200, 000 to 250, 000 soldiers from Vietnam were killed[[2]](#footnote-2).

Vietnam had been under colonial rule by French since 19th century. Japanese invaded Vietnam during World War two. However, after they war defeated in World War two, they left Vietnam leaving the French colonial administration in control. Active involvement of United States in the Vietnam War started in 1954. In 1969, the United States introduced more than 500, 000 military personnel. In response, China and Soviet Union poured supplies, weapons and advisers in North Vietnam which led to killing of many American soldiers. The casualties and costs of the war were too much for the United States and therefore decided to withdraw in 1973[[3]](#footnote-3). Though Vietnam was perceived as a potent military power within Southeast Asia, businesses, agriculture and industries were disrupted.

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