

# Poll Shows Gain in Anti-War Views

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The number of Americans who think we were wrong to have become involved in Vietnam has increased in the latest survey, closely approaching the all-time high recorded last September.

A majority of adults, 56 per cent, believe we made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam. In the previous survey in April, the percentage was 51 per cent. In September, 53 per cent held this view.

The proportion of citizens who think we were wrong to commit our forces to Vietnam has more than doubled over the last five years.

In August 1965, one year after the Bay of Tonkin incident, 24 per cent of all persons interviewed said they believed it a mistake to have become involved in the war. The percentage climbed to 35 per cent in 1966, to 46 per cent in 1967, to 53 per cent in 1968, to 58 per cent last fall.

A total of 1509 adults were interviewed in person in the survey which was conducted May 22-25. More than 300 carefully selected localities were covered by interviewers.

The question asked, the latest results and trend:

In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Vietnam, do you

think the U.S. made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?

|           | Yes | No  | No Opin. |
|-----------|-----|-----|----------|
| LATEST    | 56% | 36% | 8%       |
| April '65 | 51  | 34  | 15       |
| Jan. '68  | 57  | 33  | 10       |
| Sept. '69 | 58  | 32  | 10       |
| March '69 | 52  | 39  | 9        |
| 1968      |     |     |          |
| Aug. '68  | 53  | 35  | 12       |
| April '68 | 48  | 40  | 10       |
| March '68 | 49  | 41  | 10       |
| Feb. '68  | 46  | 42  | 12       |
| 1967      |     |     |          |
| Dec. '67  | 45  | 46  | 9        |
| Oct. '67  | 46  | 44  | 10       |
| July '67  | 41  | 48  | 11       |
| May '67   | 37  | 50  | 13       |
| Feb. '67  | 32  | 52  | 16       |
| 1966      |     |     |          |
| Nov. '66  | 31  | 51  | 18       |
| Sept. '66 | 35  | 48  | 17       |
| May '66   | 36  | 49  | 15       |
| March '66 | 25  | 59  | 16       |
| 1965      |     |     |          |
| Aug. '65  | 24  | 61  | 15       |

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