Is There No Sense of Decency?

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At one point [in his speech last week to families of prisoners and men missing in Southeast Asia] Mr. Nixon reached out laid it down as the duty of "opinion leaders" in this country "to stand by the President of the United States when he makes a terribly difficult, potentially unpopular decision." That is the Nixon version of American democracy: Our President right or wrong, bringer of promised peace or destroyer.

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