The peace movement in the USA

- **Why?**
  - **Cost**
    - Taxpayers money
    - Used internationally instead of domestically
  - **Inequality**
    - Racial inequality in draft
      - 30% African Americans drafted; 19% white
      - 22% casualties black Americans even though they made up 11% of US force
    - World champion boxer Muhammad Ali
      - Parrt of radical black power group Nation of Islam
        - Argued - How could they fight for a country which discriminated against them at home?
        - "I ain't got no quarrel with them Viet Cong!"
      - Refused to join draft due to Muslim faith
      - Stripped of title, passport removed
  - **Purpose**
    - Uncomfortable about situation
    - 900,000 young men drafted for this?
- **Media war**
  - Newspapers
    - Showed crying children burned by American napalm bombs
  - TV
    - Showed prisoners being executed and tortured
    - Women and children watching their houses burn
  - Horrifying images
    - Shocking
      - Vietnam seen as corrupt defeat instead of crusade against communism
    - Mai Lai massacre
- **Protest**
  - Led by students and civil rights campaigners
    - Height 68-70
  - First half of **1968**
    - **Over 100 demonstrations**
    - Involved **40,000 students**
    - Protests often involved
      - Burning the American fkag
      - "Hey LBJ; how many kids did you kill today?"
  - **November 1969**
    - Almost **700,000 protesters** in **Washington DC**
      - Largest political protest in American history

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