

## **Vietnam War**

**In recent years, the prudence we learned from our involvement in Indochina has been widely derided as "Vietnam syndrome."**

**If by Vietnam syndrome we mean the belief that the U.S. should never again engage in (a) military interventions in foreign civil wars without clear objectives and a clear exit strategy, (b) "nation building" in countries about whose history and culture we are ignorant, and (c) sacrificing our children when our lives, our way of life, or "government of, by, and for the people" are not directly threatened, then we should never get over Vietnam syndrome.**

**It's not an illness, it's a vaccination.**

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