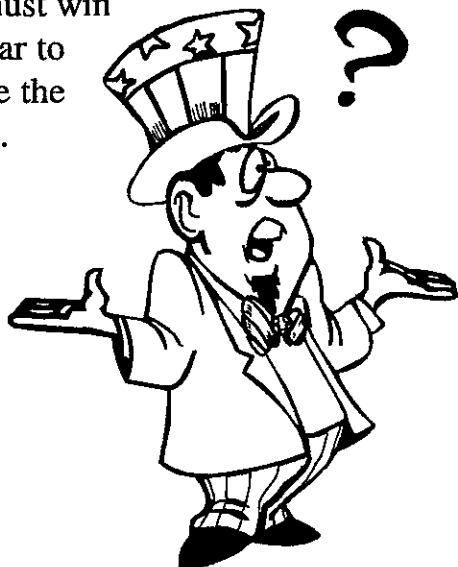


HAWKS vs. DOVES



Hawks

- ☆ Fighting in Vietnam is a patriotic duty and an *honor*.
- ☆ We must stop communist aggression—the *domino theory* is valid. If one nation in Southeast Asia falls to the communists, neighboring countries soon will.
- ☆ We must honor our treaty commitments (SEATO, CENTO, etc.)
- ☆ We must protect our economic interests in Asia. We have many investments there and being involved in Southeast Asia will ensure protection for decades.
- ☆ We must help the South Vietnamese friends who want American democratic institutions.
- ☆ Americans are the “policemen of the world.” We can not disappoint or abandon people who love freedom.
- ☆ We must win the war to secure the peace.



Doves

- ♥ The war in Vietnam is a civil war between North and South Vietnam and none of our business. Would we have wanted France to get involved in our Civil War in the 1860s?
- ♥ We should not uphold and give financial support to the corrupt government in South Vietnam. This is a “no-win” war.
- ♥ Communism in Asia—specifically Southeast Asia—is not a threat to *us*. Why should we care what goes on there? We have problems of our own here!
- ♥ Military commitments usually mean fighting and death and could possibly lead to nuclear war.
- ♥ A full-blown war in Southeast Asia would alienate long-time allies, like Great Britain.
- ♥ Our leaders have misled us—we are *not* winning!
- ♥ We will lose good young men and waste billions of dollars.
- ♥ We are killing innocent Vietnamese people. We must stop fighting and negotiate a peace treaty as soon as possible.