War and Politics I

Exercises: iPOLL, iPOLL+

1. What percentage of the public believed entering the Vietnam War was a mistake in 1965? How about in 1967? And 1970?

Answers and Sources: _______________________________________________

2. Long after that war concluded, Gallup continued to periodically ask Americans if that war was a mistake. What do those data show from surveys conducted in the 1990s and today?

Answers and Sources: _______________________________________________

3. Do men and women respond differently to this question in 2000?

Answers and Sources: _______________________________________________

4. Do you think the answers to these questions influenced public opinion about the job the sitting president was doing? Compare the ratings of the Presidents during these war times.

Answers and Sources: _______________________________________________

Exercises: RoperExplorer

Locate a recent survey asking about the similarity between the war in Afghanistan and Vietnam. Using RoperExplorer, investigate the differences or similarities of those who feel that Afghanistan is a similar situation as the war in Vietnam. Do people who think that the war in Afghanistan is similar to the war in Vietnam favor or oppose the war in Afghanistan?