

## **A DEBATE OVER THE MEDIA'S ROLE IN VIETNAM**

1. Do both Elegant and Moss argue that the media presented a skewed picture of the Vietnam War to America? If so, what did the media fail to include in their reporting, according to the authors?
2. Elegant, who was a journalist on the scene in Vietnam, draws heavily from his own experiences. Moss is a history professor who was not in Vietnam and who utilizes a variety of sources for his arguments. What are the strengths and weaknesses of each perspective in examining the question of media coverage and its effect on the war? Who do you believe makes the more convincing case? Explain.