

ABSTRACT

Vietnam War is one of the most unforgettable wars in America history. The atmosphere during the war, inside and outside the US was very complicated during that time. People who rejected the war, created protests and other counter actions; one of them through songs. Songs were used as a medium for American artists to show their resistance toward their government's policy about the war. This paper uses eight anti war song lyrics, which was considered popular according to American music chart during 1963-1984. The lyrics were analyzed by using the theory of meanings including the concept of Connotation and Denotation. The result of the analysis shows that certain songs lyrics released during the Vietnam War implicitly and explicitly represented the highlights of specific issues during the war.

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