

// vietnam and iraqi wars



/// //////// LASTED FROM 1955-1975

WAS FOUGHT IN VIETNAM, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA

NORTH / VIETCONG v. GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM (COMMUNIST v. ANTI-COMMUNIST)

U.S. FOUGHT ON SIDE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST SOUTH VIETNAM

WAR ENDED ON APRIL 30, 1975 WITH A VIETCONG / COMMUNIST VICTORY OVER SOUTH VIETNAM, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA

/// //////// WAR ENDED IN 1975

AMERICANS ENTERED THE WAR IN THE 1960S AND EXITED IN 1973, AFTER THE CASE-CHURCH AMENDMENT WAS PASSED WHICH PROHIBITED FURTHER U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA.

THERE WAS OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM FROM THE GET-GO. PEOPLE ADVOCATING THE U.S. WITHDRAWAL WERE KNOWN AS "DOVES" AND THEIR OPPONENTS WERE "HAWKS"



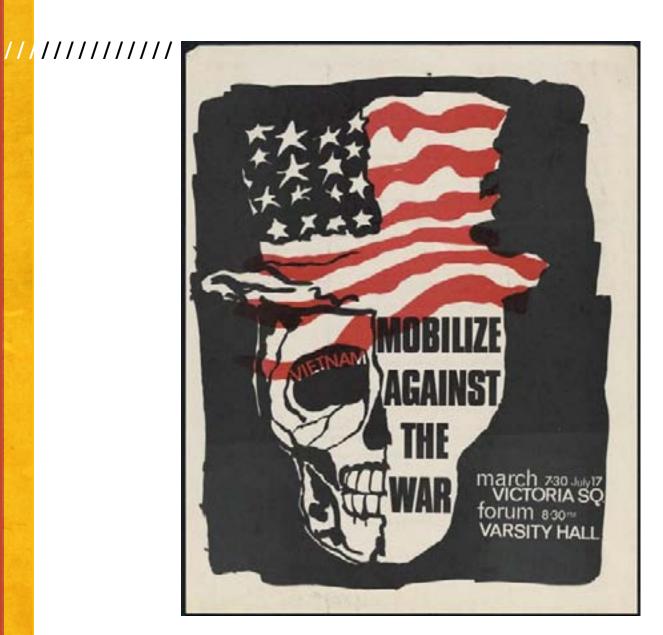
////////// STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE WAR STARTED AFTER A 1970 SHOOTING AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE NATIONAL GUARD FIRED AT STUDENTS DURING AN ANTI-WAR PROTEST, KILLING 4 AND WOUNDING 9.

PROTESTS HAD BECOME RATHER VIOLENT- BURNING OF ROTC BUILDING.

NEWS OF THE KENT STATE SHOOTING LED TO OTHER UNIVERSITY ANTI-WAR PROTESTS AROUND THE COUNTRY.





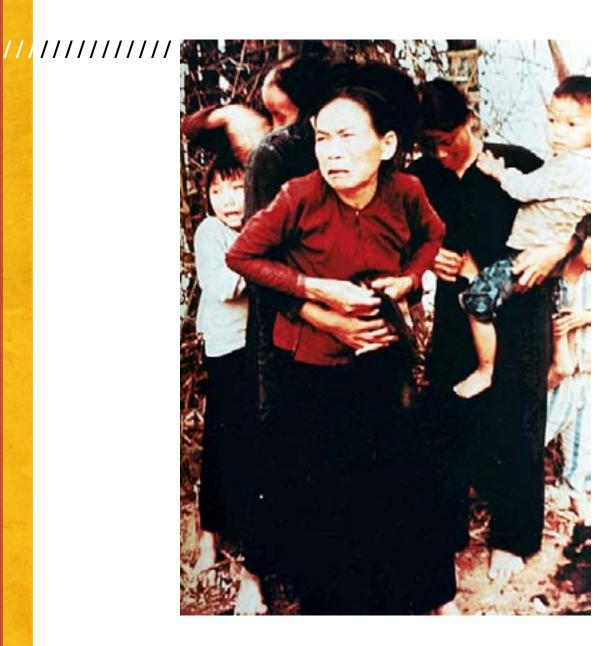
///////// NEWS REPORTS SHOWCASING THE U.S. MILITARY'S ABUSE OF POWER BEGAN SURFACING.

1968 MY LAI MASSACRE

MASS MURDER OF 400-500 UNARMED CIVILIANS. MOST OF THE VICTIMS WERE WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND ELDERLY.

INITIALLY, 26 U.S. SOLDIERS WERE CRIMINALLY CHARGED BUT ONLY THE PLATOON LEADER WAS ULTIMATELY CONVICTED.

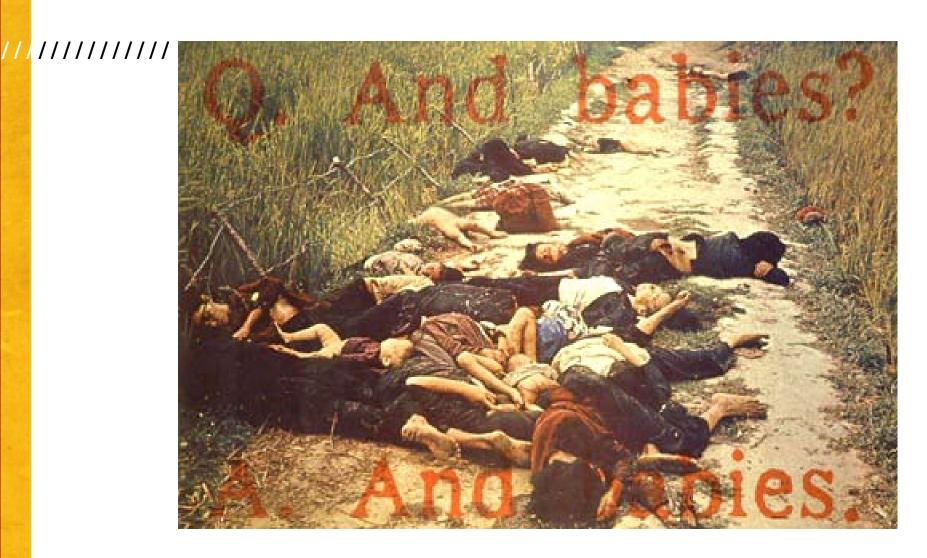
GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE, BUT ONLY SERVED 3.5 YEARS UNDER HOUSE ARREST.



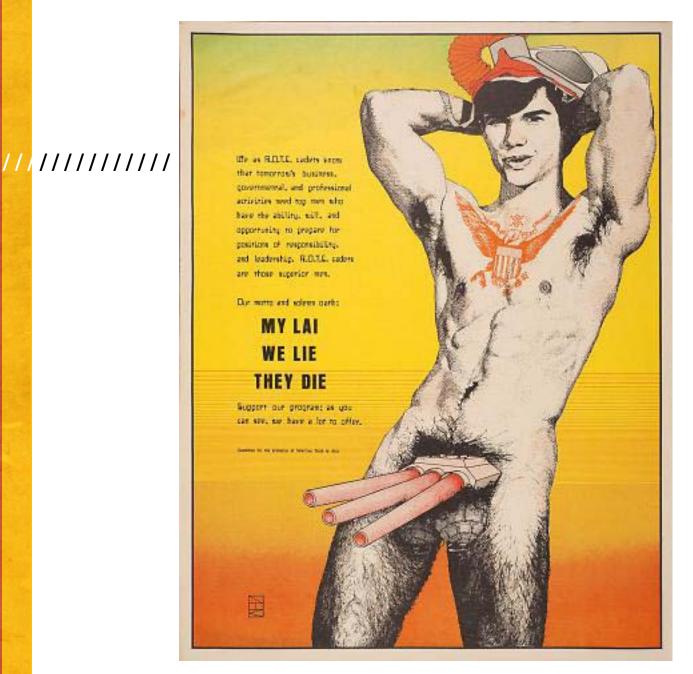
WOMEN AND CHILDREN ABOUT TO BE KILLED



MY LAI MASSACRE, 1968



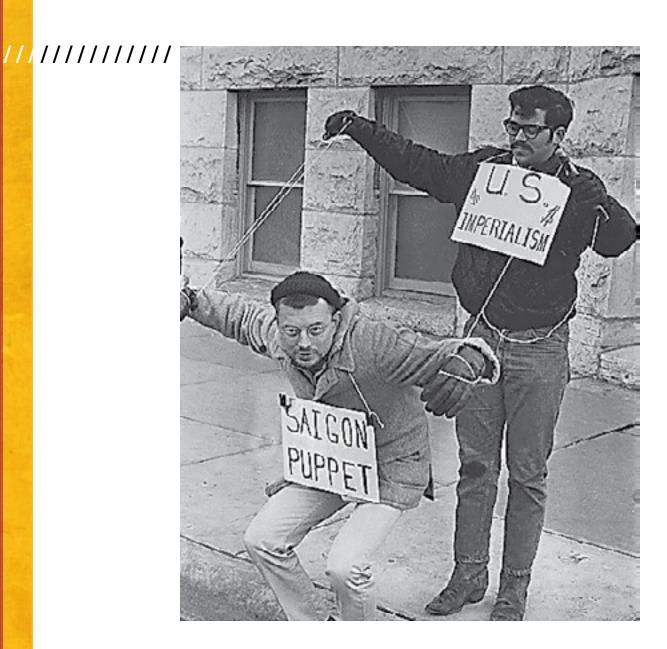
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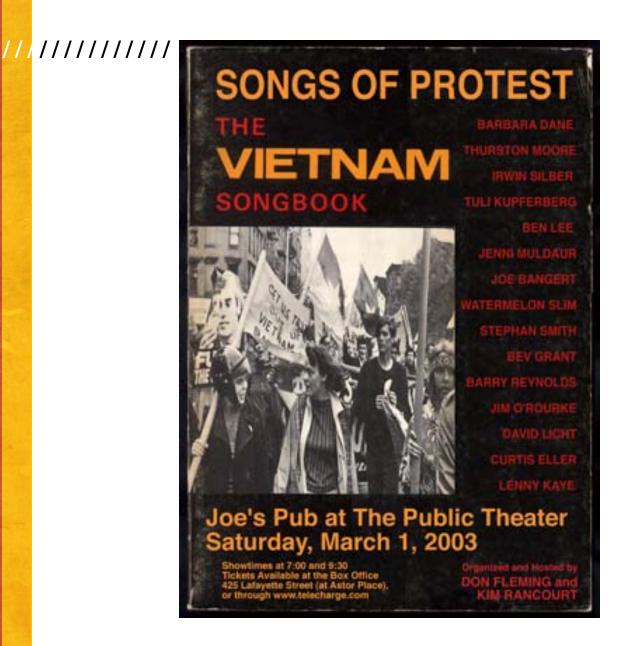


VHM, MY LAI / WE LIE / THEY DIE, 1970

/// ////// THE 1968 MY LAI MASSACRE BROUGHT LOTS OF ATTENTION TO THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT.

A NEW FORM OF PROPAGANDA BEGAN TO EMERGE IN WHICH PEOPLE'S ACTIONS SERVED AS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TYPE OF PROPAGANDA.





THAT GATHERED TO PROTEST IN GROUPS, THE MOST
INFLUENCIAL BEING THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST WAR.

FEBRUARY 1966- AROUND100 VETERANS WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO RETURN THEIR DECORATIONS IN PROTEST OF THE WAR.

FIRST RECORDED EXAMPLE OF DECORATED VETS TAKING A STAND AGAINST AN AMERICAN WAR.





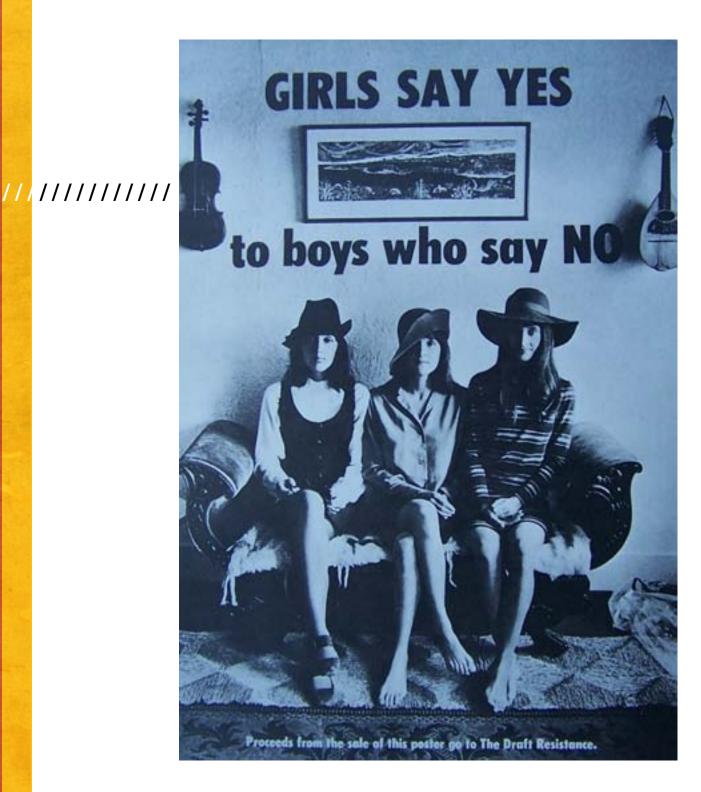
/// ///////// DRAFT WAS EMPLOYED.

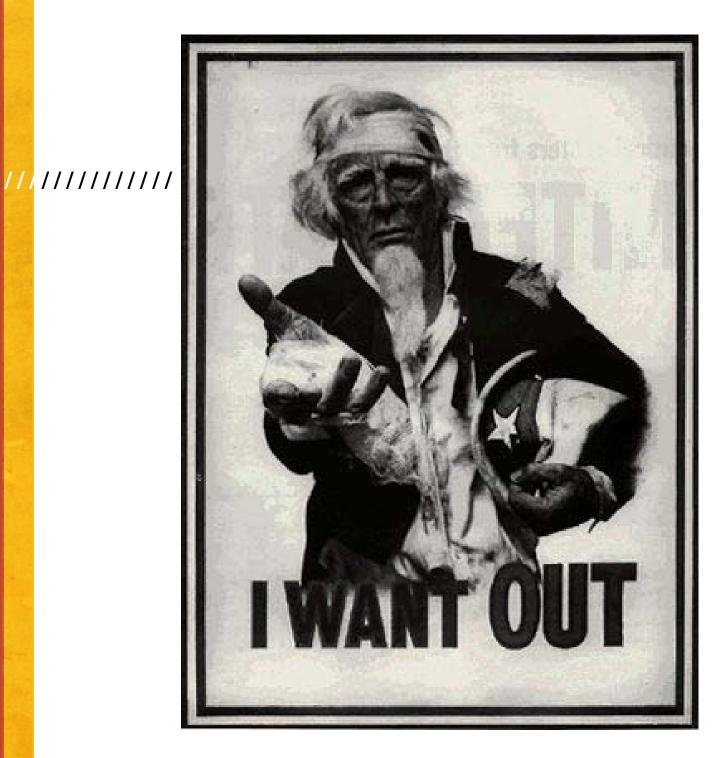
CAUSED STUDENTS AND OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO PROTEST.

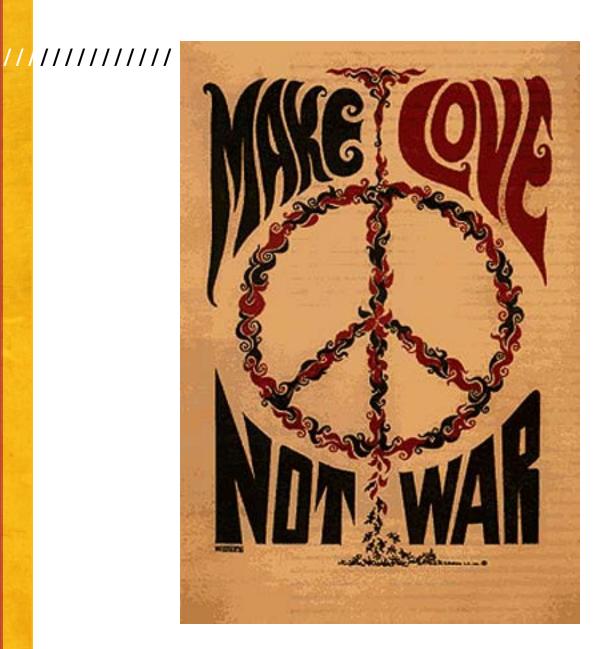
IN MAY 5, 1965, UC BERKELEY STUDENTS PUBLICALLY BURNED DRAFT CARDS IN OPPOSITION OF THE DRAFT AND WAR.

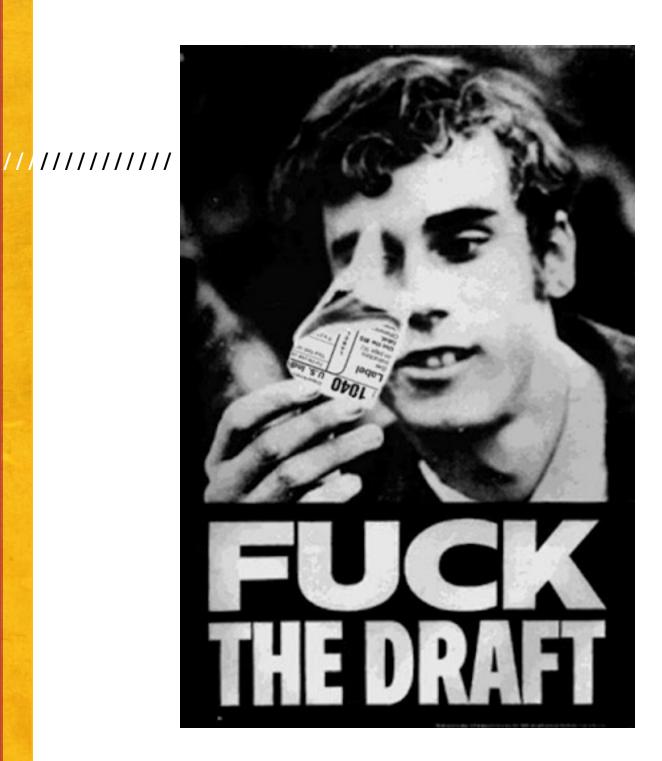
ANTI WAR GROUPS, SUCH AS THE WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE (WSP) OFFERED MEN ADVICE ON HOW TO LEGALLY AND ILLEGALLY AVOID THE DRAFT.

AUGUST 1968- PAUL ROBERT COHEN WAS ARRESTED FOR WEARING A JACKET WITH THE WORDS "FUCK THE DRAFT" IN A LOS ANGELES COURTROOM. A CASE WAS BROUGHT AGAINST HIM BUT THE SUPREME COURT DECLARED COHEN HAD THE FREEDOM TO WEAR THE JACKET ACCORDING TO THE 1ST AND 14TH AMENDMENTS.











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//////////// EXACT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES IS DEBATED.

IN 1995, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT REPORTED 1.1 MILLION MILITARY DEATHS AND 2 MILLION CIVILIAN DEATHS.

A LITTLE OVER 200,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED OR KILLED.



////////// MARCH 2003-DEC 2011, WITH VIOLENCE STILL CONTINUING TODAY.

THE U.S. AND U.K. CLAIMED IRAQ ALLEGELY POSSESSED WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WHICH POSED A THREAT TO THEIR NATIONAL SECURITY.

THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL CONDUCTED AN INSPECTION OF IRAQ'S WEAPONS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BUT SAID THEY COULD NOT VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THEIR DECLARATIONS.

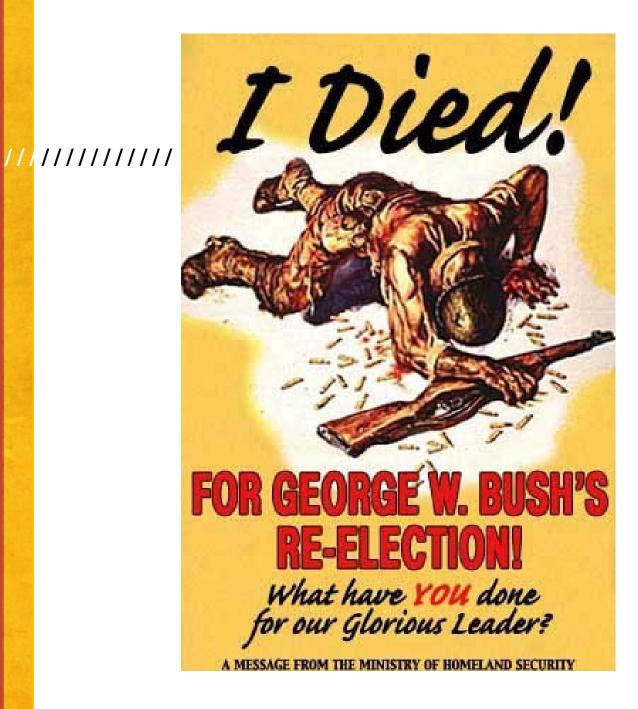
THE TWO NATIONS THEN PROCEEDED TO INVADE IRAQ. IT WAS LATER FOUND THAT IRAQ HAD ENDED ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM IN 1991 AND THAT THEY HAD NO ACTIVE PROGRAMS WHEN THEY WERE INVADED. NO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WERE FOUND EITHER.

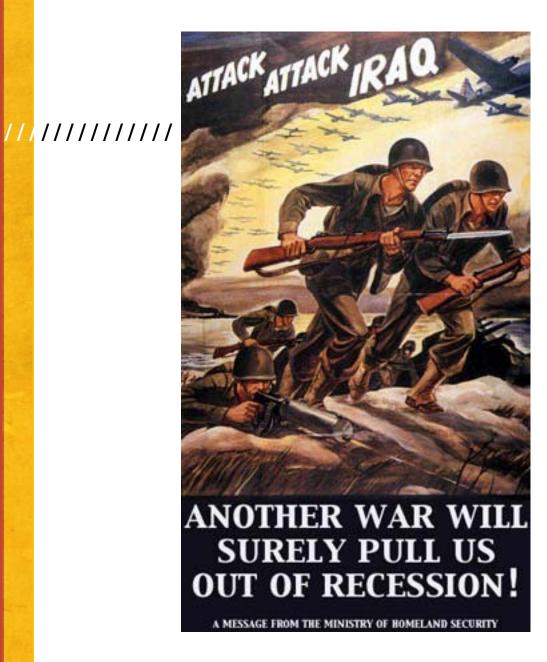
OPPOSITION TO WAR IN BOTH U.S. AND U.K.

/// //////// MICAH IAN WRIGHT

CREATED A SERIES OF POSTERS HE DUBBED "REMIXED WAR PROPAGANDA" IN WHICH HE TOOK OLD PRO-VIETNAM PROPANDA POSTERS AND REMIXED THEM TO APPLY TO THE IRAQI WAR

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Don't Worry About It... THEY'RE NOT AMERICAN!

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOMELAND SECURITY





/// ///////// THERE IS NO DEFINITE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

U.S. WAS UNDER SCRUTINY FOR SYSTEMATICALLY UNDERREPORTING THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES IN ORDER TO DISGUISE ITS POLICY FAILINGS IN IRAQ.

CURRENT ESTIMATES OF IRAQI DEATHS RANGE FROM 946,000 TO 1,120,000, WITH 21,221–26,405 INSURGENTS DEAD.

4,408 TOTAL AMERICAN DEATHS AND 31,922 WOUNDED IN ACTION.

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