

The tet offensive opened on Jan 31 1968 catching the American and south Vietnamese completely off balanced. The offensive was a combined force of the Vietcong and The NVA.

The offensives plan was ~~to~~ to make its drive towards saigon part of the offensive was the need for secrecy this was ultimately also ~~a~~ a detriment with many of the VC unaware of what was happening and frightened the offensive did however have the desired affect of creating a large amount of confusion. By a coincidence it was also timed such that ~~when~~ the us president of the day was trying to convince the senate that ~~the~~ American forces were having a resounding victory in Vietnam ~~as~~ such the offensive cast doubt on the US presence in Vietnam.

In the sense of victory the Tet offensive was a disaster it managed to cripple the Vietcong inflicting heavy casualties. However it began to give protestors in America more ammunition the visuals coming back from the Tet offensive were disastrous to a government who was trying to justify to a Nation its reasons for being at war even though there was an ever rising death toll without any visible gain.

Many historians have been quoted as saying that the Vietnam war was lost not on the battlefield but rather in the living rooms the Tet offensive was a large part of this.