Abstract

The fucused bachelor thesis "Johnson and Vietnam. Impact of the Vietnam War on the decision of President Lyndon B. Johnson not to run in the presidential elections in 1968" deals with the attitude of U.S. President Lyndon Baines Johnson to the Vietnam War, and examines how Johnson's steps taken in the Vietnam issues affected his decision in March 1968 not to seek and not accept the nomination for another term as the US president. In Johnson's Vietnam War era, the war after Tonkin incident escalated. President Johnson as a fervent supporter of the 'Domino Theory' tried to fulfill in Vietnam two objectives; firstly to prevent the communist threat, secondly to establish a democratic government in Vietnam. The main research method used is the analysis of the sources and literature, the source of all the resources the author is seen solely in terms of their research questions. The work is divided into seven chapters. In conclusion, the author answers the main research question and shows that the Vietnam War was very important reason that why Johnson resigned from his second candidacy. In consideration of the impact of the war on president Johnson decision author states that it has been the count of all the factors at work described and the Johnson's feeling of helplessness combined with a his sense of personal failure.