

## The “Vietnam Mamas”: Predecessors of Corporate Rule

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**ABSTRACT** Observation in a community mental health setting led to psychological interpretations to understand the situation of women and children left behind during tours of duty by soldiers during the Vietnam War. Various interpretations were discussed. But in retrospect and over time, the deeper issue was one of the exercise of corporate power by the United States military. This macro-level interpretation would predict that corporations will focus on profits and power at the expense of people and “community”, even those working within or dependent upon the corporations.