

Basic Information

- Vietnam won full independence from France in 1954
- * Divided between the South and the Communist North
- * Warfare broke out in the mid 1960's
- * War ended in 1976
- North Vietnam took over the whole country

Economy

- Vietnam was in deep poverty until 1986
- * Tourism
- Exports of food
- Manufactured products

Politics & Civil Rights

- * Freedom Rating: 6.0
- * 500 people from the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) votes for the dictator
- * President is able to serve 5 years in office
- * All print media outlets are owned by or are under the effective control of the CPV, government organs, or the army.

Government

- * It's a one party country
- Important people: The offices of the president and the prime minister
- More than 90% of the deputies in the National Assembly are Communist Party members
- Soviet Union and China are Vietnam's major allies

