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The Fog of War

Robert Mc Namara stated, "any military commander who is honest with himself over those he is speaking to, will admit that he has made mistakes in the application of military power. Yes, he killed people unnecessarily." Robert spent 7 years as the Secretary of Defense during the Vietnam war.

I actually watched this documentary when it came out in 2004. I enjoyed it much more than and was drawn in to the subject matter for some reason more on the first time viewing. I did however take away one solid point about our cognition not being up to par, in not operating through compassion toward another human being. Mc Namara somehow, continually through this documentary, reiterates that people lose site of their humanity when in war and do not always make good decisions. He is also saying that the decisions to be made during war are not good decisions on any side, moreover a nation can eventually suffer the consequences. In other words the path in war is not clear.

When evaluating the work technically, I noticed many things that bothered me with the way the film was produced in post. The interview prompts and segments are good, and I love listening to Mc Tamara's story and perspective but, the edits are not sharp like the narrative is. They could have done a better job with marrying the cuts and atmospheric to the narrative and script.