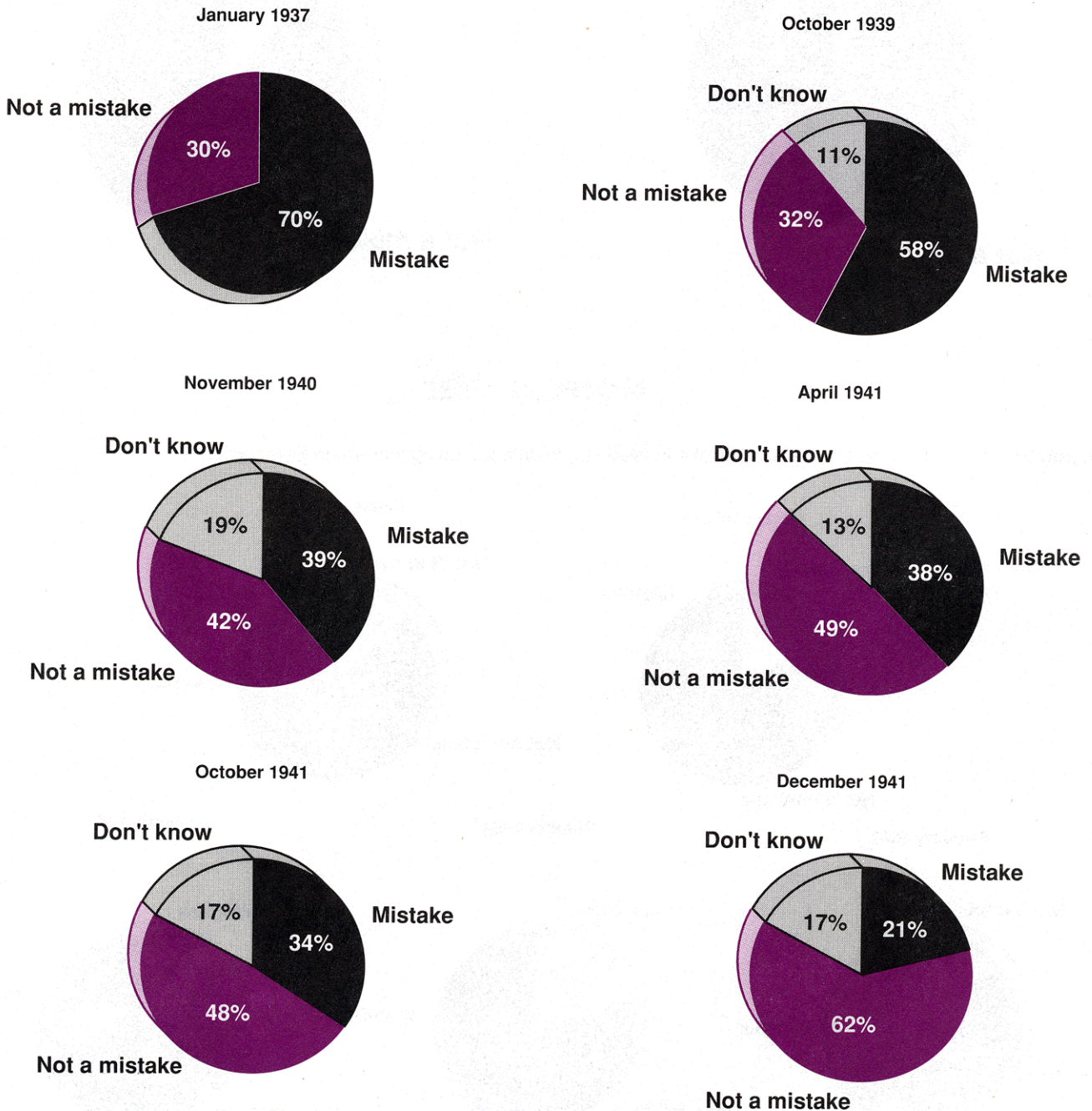


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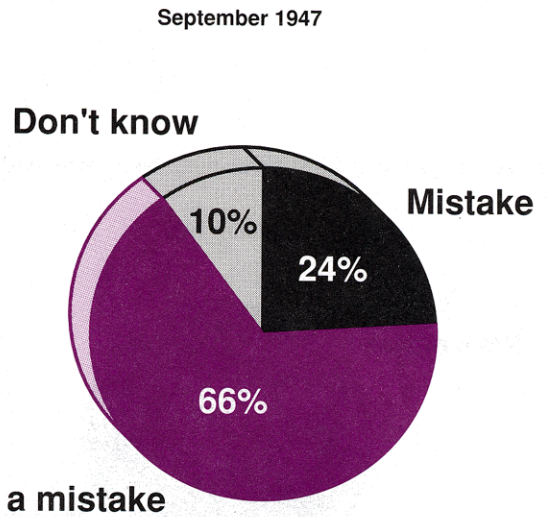
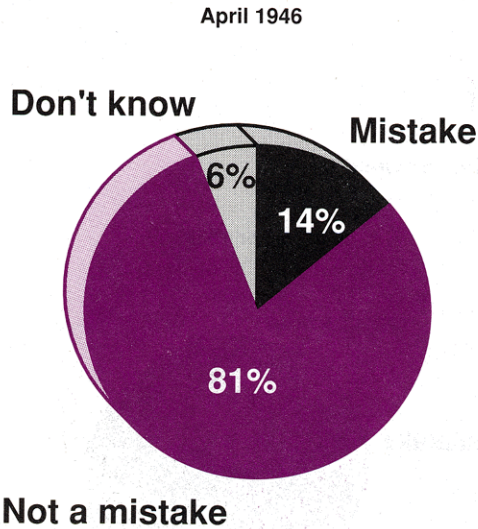
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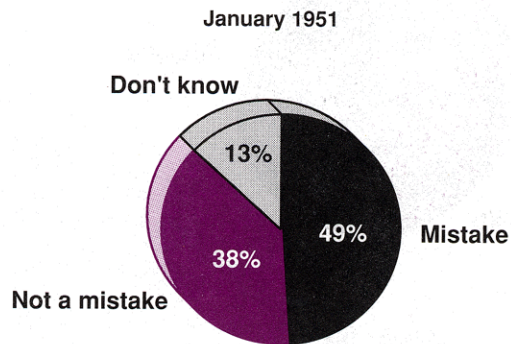
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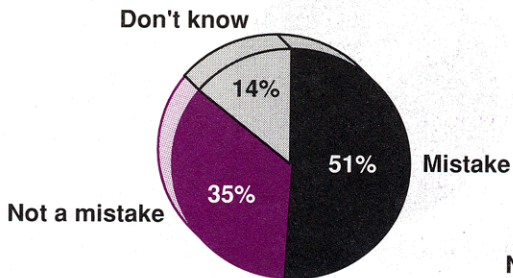


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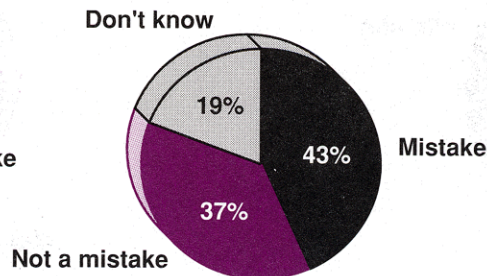
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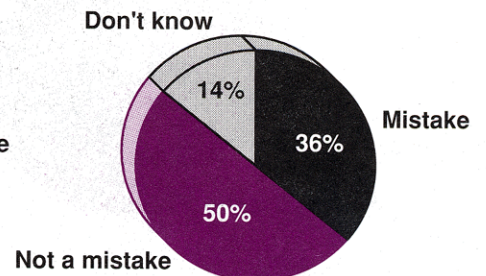
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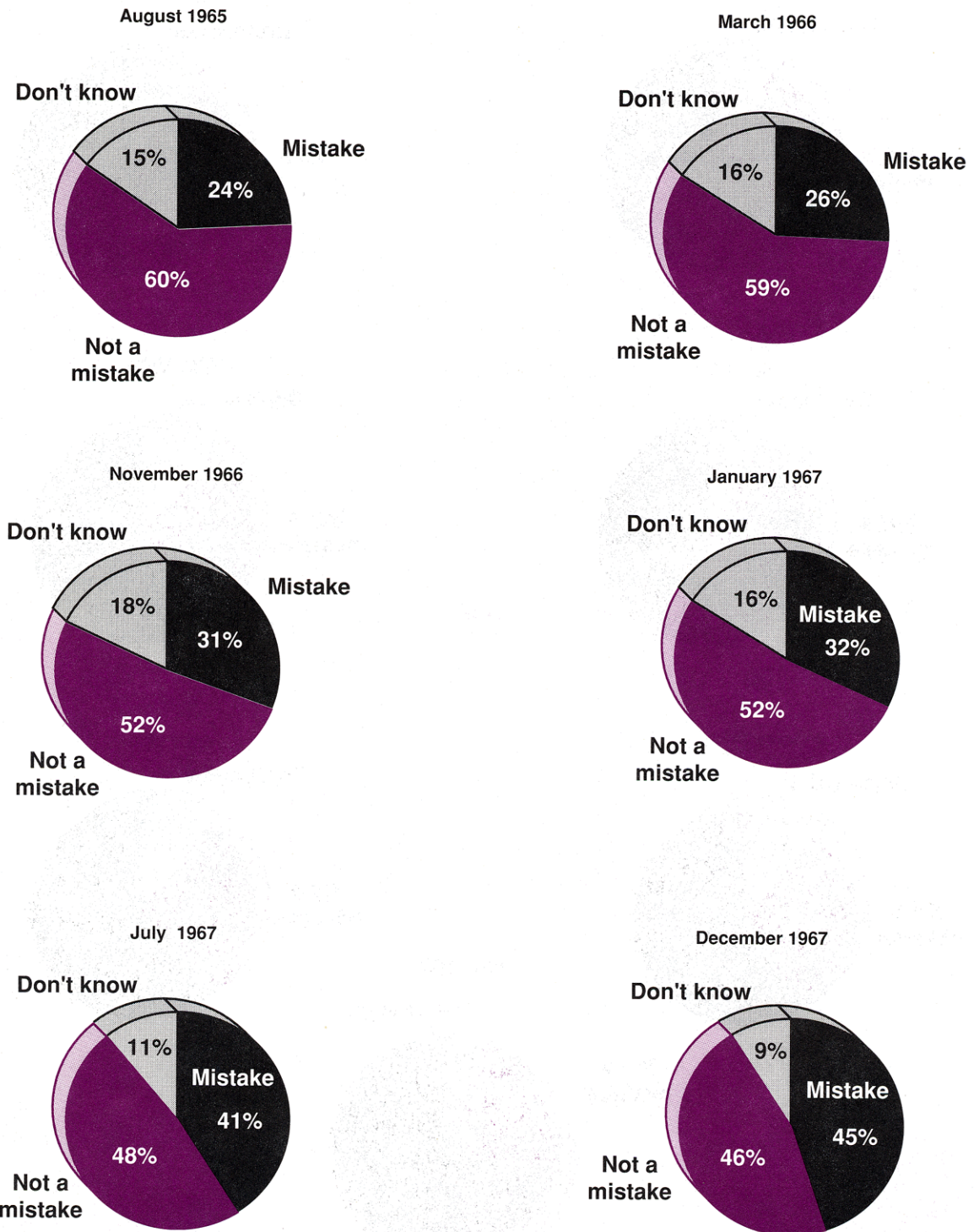
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# The Vietnam War

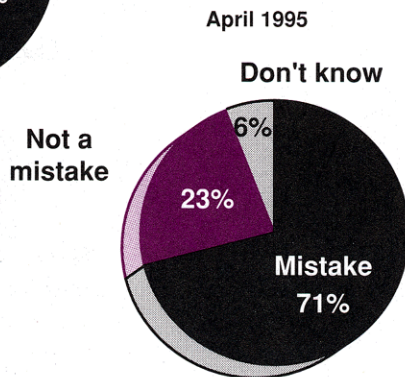
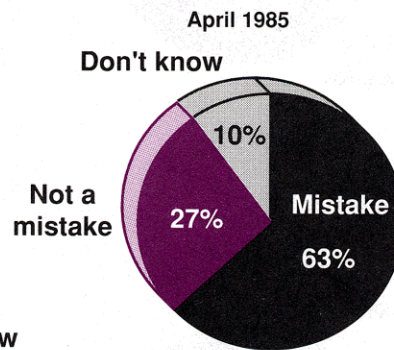
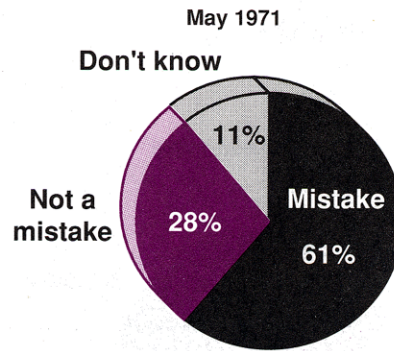
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# The Gulf War

**Question:** Do you think the US made a mistake in... sending troops to Saudi Arabia or not? [Gallup]; ...sending of armed forces to fight in the Persian Gulf or not? [ABC]; ...getting involved in the war against Iraq or not? [CBS/NYT]

September 1990



November 1990



February 1991



October 1991



**Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization, September 10-11, 1990 and November 29-December 2, 1990; by ABC News, February 24, 1991; and by CBS News/*New York Times*, October 5-7, 1991.