



Military Drones

Continue or Discontinue Use?



Fig. 1. (US UAV)

Intro:

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Fig. 2. (Man launching a drone)

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IMPACT

Drones Have a Negative Impact on People All Over the World.

The growing use of UAVs has resulted in the loss of thousands of civilian deaths each year according to a PBS study. (Riechmann, Deb)
Drones don't intentionally target civilians but bad angle, weather conditions, and human error play a key role in these deaths.
Along with civilian deaths drones also impact civilians and drone operators emotionally.

According to an National Public Radio interview with current drone operators said that, civilians are taking the fear and hatred from the unnecessary death of their family members and using it as fuel against the U.S. (McCammon, Sarah)

The same interview revealed that civilians are not the only ones who face emotional trauma, the drone operators are watching the death of people they know almost nothing about in HD 24/7. These operators say they have seen colleagues who forget that what they are doing is real and treat these strikes as if they are video games. (McCammon, Sarah)

Fig. 3. (Surveillance camera sign.)



Surveillance vs. Serious Trauma and Instincts



Fig. 5. (Infant swimming)

Drones Don't Have Instincts.

These deaths may be a result of the lack of human emotion and instincts found in drones.

Drones operators are only able to see what the camera sees, they are limited to the cameras range of view.

The drone operator cannot see the full situation because of limited view and weather.

Without instincts a drone cannot accurately assess the situation at hand.

A pilot can make split second decisions when they are faced by danger whereas often a drone operator cannot act as quickly or see the threat coming.

Pros

Pros:

- Less Casualties
- Eliminates Targets
- Smaller Scale



Fig. 6. (US pilot)

Aren't Drones Good at Surveillance?

Some people in favor of drone use argue that drones are excellent in surveillance and combat operations such as airstrikes.

I agree drones are great when it comes to surveillance, because of their wide range in sizes.

Cons

Cons:

- Mis-identify Targets
- Disconnected From Horrors of War
- No Instincts

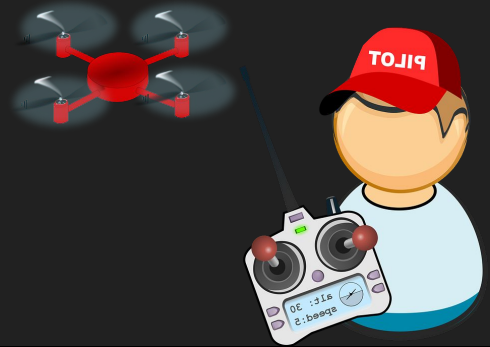


Fig. 7. (Drone Pilot)

I do not agree however, that they should be used in combat operations.

Drones can fly beyond enemy lines undetected.

The information gathered is fairly accurate.



Fig. 8. (No drones sign)

Conclusion:

As you can see, when it comes to drones the cons outweigh the pros. The use of drones in combat operations should no longer be legal. As ninth graders we can put a stop to the use of drones by writing to our representatives and form petitions, that persuade these leaders to compromise abolishing the use of drones in combat but allowing them to continue in surveillance missions.

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