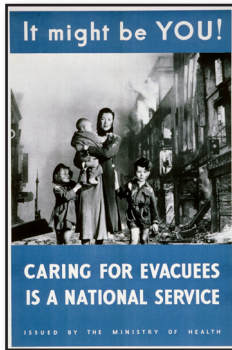


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Do drones present new military opportunities or are they simply an updated technological variant of age-old weapons and tactics?

1. In what way do drones differ from targeted assassinations of enemy operatives and leaders of the sort that the United States is on record opposing?
2. Are drones all that efficacious? Have they decimated al-Qaeda and its affiliates in Afghanistan or Pakistan, or simply inspired more terrorists and effective counter-measures?
3. Can we envision circumstances in the very near future in which our enemies will have the technology and skill to pilot drones against American assets?
4. How far are we away from the use of drone armored vehicles, ships, planes, and infantry replacing most of their human-operated counterparts?
5. Ethically, will drone warfare mitigate the losses of war, or simply transfer the carnage to yet another mode of operations that in some sense is more amoral by the greater absence of human presence and accountability?

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