

**SOCRATIC SEMINAR TOPIC:**

*THE ETHICS OF DRONES*

**Deliberation Question:** Is it ethical to use drones?

**Initial Thoughts:** Before you start your research, write your response to the question as of this moment. Make sure you thoroughly explain your position:

It is ethical to use drones because their uses greatly outweigh their cons.

**Part I (20 points)**

Watch the video on drones posted to the class website.

**Background** - According to the video, provide a summary regarding the uses of drones and how they are regulated.

Drones are used in many different fields. They are commonly used in the military and are slowly making their way to the consumer market.

Describe the PRO's of Drone's (give at least 3)	Describe the CON's of drone's (give at least 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ great for photography or cinematography</li> <li>◦ agriculture / farming uses</li> <li>◦ home security / inspection of pipelines or construction sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ dangerous / hazardous to people</li> <li>◦ less privacy with camera drones</li> <li>◦ use in war / kills people</li> </ul>

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## Part II (20 points)

Find 2 articles related to the use of drones. One article should lean toward the PRO side and the other in favor of the CON side. Be sure that the source is reliable, scholarly, and supported by facts.

Write down your sources and title:

PRO: 5 Benefits of Drones that might surprise you (sri.com)

CON: The Pros and Cons of Drones (impro drone.com)

Describe at least 3 evidences/arguments cited by each article regarding the PRO's or CON's of drone's (If you need more space, staple additional papers to this handout.)

### Pros

- can save lives
- can streamline agriculture management
- give media access to hard-to-reach places

### Cons

- invasion of privacy
- accidents, dangerous air space
- misuse, legal issues

## Part III – Reflection after our Socratic Seminar (10 points)

1. What did I decide (regarding the deliberation question) and why? Did I change my original position? If so, what made me change this position?

I decided that drones should stay around because their uses greatly outweigh their cons. I did not change my original position.

2. What did someone else say or do that was particularly helpful?

Many people listed more uses of drones and also showed that the downsides of drones can be fixed and improved.

3. Of all the arguments presented, which of the articles or evidences was the most compelling to you? Explain your answer. Include why this resonated with you.

Of all the arguments presented the one that was most compelling to me was that drones can achieve so many tasks that people or other machines could never do. This resonated with me because it showed me we need technology of drones to better improve our world.