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Some police now use drones to spy on citizens with no warrant or legal process. Whatsoever drones are capable of highly advanced surveillance, some drones can stay aloft for hours or days at a time, and their high-tech cameras can see entire cities, or zoom in and can carry equipment that includes live-feed video and/or infrared.

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Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, or DRONES, are being used by the U.S. military and CIA for the targeted killing of people around the world. Between 2004 and 2014, the US conducted over 390 drone attacks in Pakistan alone, killing over 3,000 people, including 175 children.

According to the September, 2012, Stanford/NYU report Living Under Drones, only 2% of the victims were high-ranking militants or alleged terrorists; most killed are innocent civilians or noncombatants. These assassinations without trial take place in six countries, including Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia - countries where the US isn’t officially at war.

Drone attacks amount to summary executions violating U.S. and international law. Targets are chosen from a “kill list” and approved by the President in secret meetings. Faulty intelligence, misidentifications and malfunctions are common, and have led to the killing of innocent people.

Drone attacks violate national sovereignty, stoke anti-U.S. sentiment and prompt violent acts of revenge. They don’t make us, or the world, safer. Weaponized Reaper drones are piloted by the 174th Attack Wing at Hancock Air Base in the Syracuse suburb of Dewitt. Plans for a similar base are developing in Niagara Falls. These bases make Central and Western New York part of the war zone.