

# 2012 Peace Booth Petitions

## Drone Facts

### Economic Costs

According to The San Diego Union-Tribune, the Predator and Reaper drones generally cost \$4 million to \$12 million each. The upcoming U.S. Defense Appropriations FY2011 includes: \$2.2 billion for Predator drones and doubling of the Reaper fleet over the next few years.

### Human Costs

Analysis with the Brookings Institution, of drone attacks in Pakistan, has shown that for every militant leader killed, 10 civilians have died.

CIA drone strikes have led to far more deaths in Pakistan than previously understood, according to extensive new research published by the Bureau. Some 175 children are among at least 2,347 people reported killed in US attacks since 2004. There are credible reports of at least 392 civilians among the dead.

CIA Drone Strikes in Pakistan 2004–2012	US Covert Action in Yemen 2002 – 2012	US Covert Action in Somalia 2007 – 2012
Total US strikes: 335	Total confirmed US drone strikes: 35-45 Possible additional US drone strikes: 57-66	Total US drone strikes: 3-9
Total reported injured: 1,198-1,324		
Total reported killed: 2,513-3,226	Total reported killed (all): 329-957	Total reported killed: 58-169
Civilians reported killed: 482-835	Total civilians killed (all): 58-149	Civilians reported killed: 11-57
Children reported killed: 175	Children killed (all): 24-31	Children reported killed: 1-3

### Moral Costs

The U.N. has called for transparency and accountability around the drones' targeted killings, calling on the U.S. to specify the legal justification for "decisions to kill rather than capture" and what measures it is taking to prevent civilian casualties. Our leaders have not done so. Launching drone attacks abroad angers the local population, stoking antiAmerican feelings and prompting acts of revenge.

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### *The Victims - consider these scenarios*

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You are helping your family by searching for scrap metal on a mountain side in the Manogi District of Afghanistan's Kunar province. A drone mistakenly identifies you and your friends, age six to twelve, as insurgents. On August 26, 2010, NATO aircraft dropped bomb on you, killing you and your five friends.

You are traveling with your two children in the Pusht Rod district of Afghanistan's Farah province when NATO forces attack the vehicle you are riding in, on August 20, 2010, killing you and your children. NATO acknowledged that you were accidentally killed "when a coalition force air weapons team engaged the insurgents." Drone surveillance is used to identify insurgents in this area.

With your children, you are seeking shelter from precision airstrikes launched by NATO forces on June 19, 2010 when a missile hits the building in which you are huddled, killing you and your children. NATO issues a statement stating that their mission is to protect the population and accepting full responsibility if civilians were unintentionally harmed in this intense fight against insurgents. Drone surveillance identifies buildings where humans seek shelter during aerial bombing operations.

You are a teenage mother with two children riding as passengers with the coffin of a dead relative on the way to the burial site. Eleven of you sway back and forth along the bumpy road, when an aerial bombardment results in everyone's death. August 5, 2010. Nangarhar province, eastern Afghanistan. Drone surveillance mistakenly identified you as an insurgent.

You are a child living in Miranshah, Pakistan. Your house is adjacent to a militant compound. A "kill chain" comprised of U.S. officials mandates that a pilotless drone aircraft should fire on the building where you live. On August 23rd, 2010, a CIA drone operated Hellfire missile kills you, two other children and four women. -- "US Drone strike kills 20 people in Pakistan", <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE67M44U20100823>

You are staying in a house near Miranshah in North Waziristan when an unmanned drone operated by the CIA fires a Hellfire missile. CIA analysts, working at Langley Air Force Base, using drone camera surveillance, suspected that you are a militant. You and three other "suspected militants" die in the attack June 26, 2010. "US drone kills four in Pakistan border area"; <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10423780>

You are a child attending a funeral when three unmanned drones operated by the CIA at Langley Air Force Base, fire Hellfire missiles at the gathering. The CIA analysts, using drone camera surveillance, suspected it was a funeral for a member of the Pakistani Taliban. Earlier that same day, the analysts, using drone surveillance, suspected that a village was a compound used to train Taliban soldiers. They fired Hellfire missiles at the village, killing seven people whom they suspected were militants. The CIA analysts also suspected that among the seven people they killed, they happened to have killed a Taliban commander. Furthermore, the CIA analysts suspected that this would-be commander was none other than [Taliban commander] Niaz Walli. You may have believed you were safe to attend a funeral. The CIA suspected that the funeral was for this same Niaz Walli, and took license to kill you and the 44 civilians of Najmarai village in the Makeen district of Pakistan. June 24, 2009. "US drone hits Pakistan funeral"; <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2009/06/20096244230395712.html>

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