An Analysis Of

ABC: *DHS 'concerned' drones being used for 'malicious purposes'* by Luke Barr

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This article discusses the Department of Homeland Security(DHS) concerns about the use of drones. In a football game between the Ravens and Bengals last week, there was a drone illegally flying over the stadium which caused concern from the DHS(ABC). The Department of Homeland Security assistant secretary for counterterrorism and threat protection reported, "We are concerned by rapidly-evolving technology associated with drones, and that they can be used for a variety of malicious purposes(ABC)." The article acknowledges that the DHS cannot be every cannot be everywhere else once, so their focus remains on mitigating the use of drones at large events that may need presidential protection or places that may need tighter airport security. The article concludes by asking what if the DHS cannot protect against drones in places such as the border or public events such as marathons, highlighting that those imaginary scenarios are terrifying concepts.

While discussing counterterrorism in SRA 211, we discussed how President George Bush took initiative after the 9/11 attacks and created the Department of Homeland Security(DHS) to help prevent terrorism attacks in the United States(Lippman, 250). From there we read in our textbooks and discussed in class how the DHS created policies and specific actions to prevent terrorism in the United States. These policies and actions included the creation of the Patriot Act, the creation of the TSA, and the increase in the use of Artificial Intelligence(Lippman, 251). These actions and policies have created the illusion that the United States has taken drastic measures to keep the public safe.

This article relates to what we have been learning about as far as the Department of Homeland Security(DHS) and counterterrorism. As I stated above, the DHS increased the use of Artificial Intelligence(AI) to help prevent terrorism in the United States. In our lecture about Artificial Intelligence, we discussed the use of drones by the DHS in counterterrorism(Lecture). Drones are used in AI surveillance to help the DHS identify potential threats and terrorists(Lecture). Although we looked at the benefits of the DHS using drones to help protect against terrorists, the article looks at how the DHS is trying to fight the use of drones in events where they pose a threat. As the use of drones has increased, the DHS has become more aware about the ways drones may become a threat towards the public.

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