

A bug in the drone wars

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A new element is being added to the drone wars: [Micro Drones](#) [1].

The Air Vehicles Directorate, a research arm of the Air Force, has released a computer-animated video outlining the future capabilities of Micro Air Vehicles (MAVs). The project promises to revolutionize war by down-sizing the combatants.

'MAVs will become a vital element in the ever-changing war-fighting environment and will help ensure success on the battlefield of the future,' the narrator intones.

You can watch a five-minute video by the Air Force that looks at the development of [M.A.V - Micro Killer Drones](#) [2]. Done in the usual dominating voice that the people promoting superior military technology seem to like for their videos. I generally prefer human narration. However, it does cover fairly well, with animated graphics, what they see as the future of military technology.

Americans, though, are not so sure about deploying drone technology on American soil. Senator Rand Paul [filibustered the Senate](#) [3] on drone policy. And lest you think this is a left/right issue, he had the support of Amnesty International and [Code Pink](#) [4].

If you want to follow the topic on Twitter, the hash tags are #RandPaul, #StandwithRand, Brennan, and #filibuster. By today, it is more for historical interest rather than current events. But this topic is going to require a lot more discussion in the future. I don't care much for a technology that does not give combatants of whatever nature the option to surrender. Yes, you will lose some of those combatants from time to time. They will get away. But I was always of the opinion that warfare of any kind should be controlled violence. The more controlled, the better. What if the "controllers" get the wrong guy(s)? There is no recourse from death.

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