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Indian Springs, Nevada is an hour outside of Las Vegas. Every evening a group of ordinary looking men and women say goodbye to their pets and families, and go to war.

They fight the insurgents in Afghanistan and on the edges of Pakistan. They watch, they bomb, and they kill. Sometimes their vehicles crash, but the pilots always go home to their families in the morning. They are remote control warriors.

The current campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan are the world's first Robotic War. From almost none when it invaded Iraq, the US fleet has grown to 7,000 robots in the air and 12,000 on the ground. 43 other countries are now using robots in combat.

But robots only have the ethics that they are programmed with, and human/robot wars raise many ethical questions. Does the ability to kill anyone, anywhere with a robot amount to lawlessness? What about when robots decide who to kill? Would the military send out an autonomous swarm of micro-robots to kill an enemy? Will having no casualties make going to war too easy?

A captured drone can be replicated in months. Very soon all sides will have access to remote control weapons. Will robots be the suicide bombers of the future?

Robotic war is here. From today's CIA drone strikes to the next generation of armed autonomous robot swarms, killer robots are about to change our world.

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## CREDITS

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