Fly Kites Not Drones Questionnaire

Introduction

In order to help those taking part in Fly Kites Not Drones events explain what is happening and to engage with passers-by, we are providing the attached short questionnaire.

We hope that you will be able to use it in several ways. Firstly as a way to gauge local public feeling about the growing use of armed drones. This may be useful for any local press work or articles in newsletters etc. about the day. Secondly it is a way of engaging with passers-by. Each question has a small preamble to put the question in context and can be used as a discussion starter.

The questionnaire can be copied and then handed to passers-by asking them if they would be willing to take part in a survey. Or else one or two individuals could have copies and then approach passers-by directly to ask the questions.

We would be grateful to receive the results of your local polls.

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1) Remotely controlled armed drones are increasingly being used by the world's militaries to launch attacks thousands of miles away. Some argue that being able to undertake air strikes without putting pilots in any danger is a good thing, while others argue that it makes it too easy for politicians to opt for war. Do you think the increasing use of armed drones makes the world more or less safe?

The growing use of armed drones is a danger to global peace and security.				
Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly

2) In 2015 the Nigerian, Pakistani and Iraqi military began using armed drones. It is likely that many more countries will acquire armed drones in 2016 and 2017. Do you think that the British government should act with other governments to stop the proliferation of armed drones?

There should be strong controls over the sale of armed drones.				
Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly

3) In August 2015 the UK followed the US and, for the first time, used its armed drone to target and kill an individual it considered to be a threat outside of a UN authorised war zone. Do you think governments should be able to kill those it considers to be a serious threat anywhere in the world?

Britain should use its drones to target and kill any person seen as a threat to the nation				
Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly

4) Due to lack of drone operators there is a push to make drones much more autonomous. Some military drones can already take off, fly their own mission and land again, without any human control. Many think that the development of autonomous weapons is a real danger and argue that we should develop a treaty to outlaw such armed systems. Do you think there should be a complete ban on autonomous weapon systems?

There should be a global ban on the development and use of autonomous weapons.				
Agree strongly	Agree slightly	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree slightly	Disagree strongly

5) Do you have any other comments?