On March 8, the U.S. killed 150 people in one operation in Somalia with drones and bombs, on the assertion that they were “terrorists” connected to the Somali group al Shabaab, without providing any identification or evidence. The U.S. government has not said it is at war with al Shabaab or with Somalia, giving this attack no legal justification under international law. Such killings are illegal, and not morally legitimate.

The Atlantic reports:

“The notion that the Obama Administration has carried out drone strikes only when there is ‘near-certainty of no collateral damage’ is easily disproved propaganda. America hasn’t killed a handful of innocents or a few dozen in the last 8 years. Credible, independent attempts to determine how many civilians the Obama administration has killed arrived at numbers in the hundreds or low thousands.”

There are characters in *Eye in the Sky* who agonize about the responsibility they share for targeted killing… in a country neither the U.S. nor the U.K. is at war with.

We all have to consider: Do we want to live in a country where the U.S. president kills whomever he or she wants, wherever he or she wants, without regard for law, due process, accountability, or evidence?

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