Prominent Voices on Drones:

Farea Al-Muslimi, Yemeni Activist
"The drone strike and its impact tore my heart, much as the tragic bombings in Boston last week tore your hearts and also mine," he added. “What radicals had previously failed to achieve in my village... one drone strike accomplished in an instant: There is now an intense anger and growing hatred of America.”

General Stanley McChrystal (ret.), Former ISAF commander in Afghanistan
"The resentment created by American use of unmanned strikes ... is much greater than the average American appreciates. They are hated on a visceral level, even by people who’ve never seen one or seen the effects of one."
"Retired general cautions against overuse of 'hated' drones," Reuters, 1/7/2013 (http://reut.rs/UC8ry5)

The Washington Post Editorial Board
"U.S. interests will be better served by greater disclosure, more political accountability, more checks and balances and more collaboration with allies. Drone strikes should...publicly disclosed and subject to congressional review."
"Pulling the U.S. drone war out of the shadows," The Washington Post, 11/1/2012 (http://wapo.st/UmcKLm)

For more quotes, see: http://fcnl.org/issues/afghanistan/questions_surfacing_drones/

Some Additional Considerations:

- A Global Hawk costs approximately $30,000 per flight hour—on par with stealth fighter jets.
- Surveillance drones operated on the U.S.-Mexican border cost between $2,500 and $3,500 per flight hour.
- Each drone requires an hour of maintenance for every hour it spends in the air.
- Each Predator and Reaper drone (our most common strike drones) requires a team of 180 people to operate properly.
- The cost of producing a military drone ranges from $100,000 to hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Over the next decade, the Pentagon plans to spend $40 billion on medium-to-large sized drones.

Size of the U.S. Fleet:

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United States Air Force Global Hawk Drone
The US Drone: A Fact Sheet

Deaths by Drone Strikes:

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- Drones are used for both surveillance and strike missions in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) and were used in Iraq (Operation New Dawn) and Libya (Operation Unified Protector). The U.S. Air Force does not report statistics for drone-related deaths separately.
- Strikes in Pakistan’s Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) terrorize local populations and disrupt community dynamics leading to greater poverty and dislocation.
- Drone operators suffer the same psychological wounds as their fellow service members. These wounds have resulted in the death by suicide of an estimated 2,000 current and former service members.

Resources on Drones:

For more information on the conduct, costs and scope of U.S. drones policy:
- The overall size of the U.S. drones fleet - [http://wapo.st/Umcklm](http://wapo.st/Umcklm)
- The Obama administration’s decision-making process - [http://nyti.ms/JKRpYA](http://nyti.ms/JKRpYA)

For more information on the civilian deaths caused by targeted strikes:

For more information on the psychological impact of drone warfare:

* The Obama administration and media outlets define “militants” as any male deemed of fighting age found in an area of interest. Many such “militants” might in fact be civilians.
** The difficulty of reporting and accounting for unrecorded strikes from these countries hinders 100% accuracy in these figures
A. As of April 2012
B. [http://wapo.st/qqEF2Q](http://wapo.st/qqEF2Q)

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