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Illustrating the debate over drones



Adam Zyglis, The Buffalo News / Courtesy of AAEC

Talking points

- 1. President Obama recently revealed American and Italian hostages were killed in U.S. drone attacks on "al-Qaida compounds" in Pakistan. What issue in this story is being illustrated by Pulitzer Prize winners Adam Zvalis (2015) and Steve Sack (2013)?
- 2. How does each cartoon deliver its message?
- 3. Which do you prefer? Why?
- 4. How does the U.S. defend its drone attacks as legal?
- 5. How would the U.S. react to a drone attack on its territory?

Between the lines

"In neither of these two cases did the government actually know beforehand who it was killing. It does raise questions about how much the government knows – or how little the government knows before it pulls the trigger." -Jameel Jaffer, ACLU.

http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/ apr/23/drone-strike-al-gaida-targetswhite-house

Additional resources

More by Adam Zyglis

http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/br owse.cfm/ZygliA

More by Steve Sack

http://www.cagle.com/author/steve-sack

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