

Are robots an option?

Are robots really an option for replacing a soldier?

There are two sides to this argument and both are perfectly reasonable but is there a right answer? No but we can always speculate and argue our points and that's where I come in.

I am going to explain each side of the spectrum so we can understand and appreciate each other's opinion.

Pro-robots

The potential use for robots in combat is theoretically endless which to some is scary but to some people this means less casualties. It's a safer option in its own right as drones are controlled by a person far away so it would reduce risks of soldiers losing their lives by being near the battles. Robots have AI which means they don't have any one controlling them, which means soldiers don't have to focus on controlling the robot

Right now the government and Ministry Of Defence are working on exoskeletons for military use and possibly civilian use which might mean that workers will be under less strain e.g. joiners, construction workers, police, fireman, security etc. the possibilities are endless. Examples of robots in the future are Robocop as he is a shining example of what technology can do, how much can human parts be replaced by robotics?

We could use robotics on war heroes who have lost limbs or like Robocop who was blown into a million pieces and all that was left were a head and a pair of lungs. He became 99 percent robot and still retained a human conscious so, although he is fictional, he could be used as an example so that we could use this as an example and strive towards maybe giving people a second chance to do something with their lives.

Anti-robots

In place now robots are all controlled by humans and constantly checked to find any faults but they can't fix one crucial problem, a robot can't gain human trust. A robot or a drone can't make decisions not to shoot someone as they have no feelings and only deal with hard facts coldly. Drones are controlled from a distance and not on ground, ground soldiers and airman make decisions relating atmospherics of the situation that's why they are needed also a robot can't build a relationship with the local people to win hearts and minds

Ian Malcom who is one of the greatest people in and outside the big screen said in Jurassic Park "We were so busy trying to figure out if we could do it, that we never stopped to think if we should." Now I know a few people will be slamming their heads on their keyboards saying "JURASSIC PARK IS ABOUT DINOSAURS NOT ROBOTS" but still it can be applied in the same context as it is a great quote and it should be remembered by scientists and people alike before they do something stupid that might hurt someone. And to power these robots might cause poisoning to the people around them

such as if the use nuclear it could cause radiation poisoning, Petrol or diesel would cause carbon dioxide and we haven't even found a solution for cars and planes far less robots of mass destruction.

Basically what I'm trying to say in this news report is that there are as many minuses as pluses in this debate so to be honest there will always be people disagreeing and we just have to listen to people's opinion and respect it.

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