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## **Use of AI in Military Targeting**

Letters Editor:

The Post reported that planners at the Department of Defense used Palantir's AI tool, Maven, to precisely identify geographical coordinates for targeting military strikes. The tragic killing of young students at the Minab girl's school points out the ethical problem of using AI in an automated and unvetted manner.

I have used Google Earth to identify the locations of electrical infrastructure. It is easy to see how AI could accelerate that process. I can imagine how a defense analyst might feel empowered by using such a tool to identify multiple bombing targets and not use normal due diligence in the review of those sites.

Congress needs to hold hearings on how such AI tools are being used in this war and demand full accountability for the tragic mistake that was made at its beginning. Only through a transparent investigation can we prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again.

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