The Role of Law in Governing Artificial Intelligence in the Context of Global Warfare

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming modern warfare by enhancing military strategies, decision-making processes, and the development of autonomous weapon systems. This review examines the intersection of AI and global warfare, focusing on the legal, ethical, and humanitarian implications of AI deployment in armed conflict. As AI technologies continue to evolve, the international community faces significant challenges in regulating their use to ensure compliance with International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and human rights standards. The paper explores the technological advancements in AI that are reshaping military operations, such as autonomous drones, cyber warfare capabilities, and AI-driven intelligence analysis. It also delves into the ethical concerns surrounding AI's role in military decision-making, including issues of accountability, transparency, and the protection of civilians. The article further highlights the gaps in existing international legal frameworks and proposes the development of robust global regulatory structures, accountability mechanisms, and ethical guidelines to govern the use of AI in warfare. The review concludes with a discussion of future research directions and the need for international cooperation to ensure that AI technologies are used responsibly in military contexts. Given the profound implications of AI in warfare, the establishment of comprehensive legal and ethical governance is essential to maintain global security and peace.

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1. Introduction

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern warfare represents a pivotal shift in how conflicts are waged, fundamentally altering military strategies and operations. AI technologies, particularly in the form of autonomous weapon systems, intelligence analysis tools, and cyber warfare applications, are rapidly changing the landscape of global security. With AI-enabled systems now capable of performing tasks traditionally reserved for human soldiers, the scope of warfare is expanding into areas previously thought to be beyond technological reach. These systems can engage in combat, gather intelligence, and even make autonomous decisions with minimal human oversight, raising both opportunities and concerns. The speed with which AI is integrated into military applications brings both promise and risk; while these technologies can enhance the precision and effectiveness of military operations, they also pose serious challenges regarding accountability, ethics, and governance (Gunkel, 2018; Cummings, 2021).

As AI becomes an increasingly dominant force in warfare, there arises a pressing need for legal frameworks that can effectively govern its use. The legal challenges surrounding AI in warfare are manifold, primarily due to the lack of clear international regulations that address the unique issues posed by autonomous systems. For instance, the application of existing international humanitarian law (IHL), which was developed to govern human conduct in war, is often inadequate when it comes to autonomous technologies. The ability of AI systems to make life-and-death decisions, sometimes without human intervention, raises fundamental questions about the legality and morality of their actions. Moreover, the implications for human rights, particularly in relation to civilian casualties, accountability, and the rule of law, are significant. As autonomous weapons, drones, and AI-powered cyber operations proliferate, there is an urgent need for legal mechanisms that ensure these technologies comply with established norms and ethical standards (Sharkey, 2012; Lin, 2016).

The purpose of this review is to explore the intersection of law, artificial intelligence, and global warfare. This article aims to critically analyze the current legal frameworks governing AI in military contexts, evaluate the ethical implications of autonomous technologies in warfare, and explore the potential for new regulations to address the emerging challenges of AI in combat. The review will consider both the technological advancements in AI-driven warfare and the corresponding legal responses, with a focus on the gaps in international law and the need for more robust governance structures. By examining these issues, this article seeks to contribute to the ongoing debate about the regulation of AI in warfare and its impact on international security.

2. Artificial Intelligence in Modern Warfare

Technological advancements in Artificial Intelligence have significantly transformed the nature of modern warfare, introducing a range of new capabilities that were previously unimaginable. AI technologies are now deployed across various aspects of military operations, from autonomous weapon systems and drones to cyber warfare and intelligence gathering. One of the most significant developments has been the advent of autonomous drones, which can conduct surveillance, target identification, and even strike enemy positions without direct human control. These drones use machine learning algorithms to analyze vast amounts of data, identify potential threats, and make targeting decisions based on predefined criteria. The precision and efficiency of these systems have made them invaluable in contemporary warfare, offering the potential for more accurate strikes with reduced risk to military personnel. However, the increasing autonomy of these systems raises concerns about the loss of human control and the accountability for decisions made by machines (Gromoll, 2019; Heyns, 2016).

In addition to autonomous weapon systems, AI is increasingly being used in cyber warfare, where it plays a critical role in both offensive and defensive operations. AI-powered cyber tools can analyze network traffic, detect vulnerabilities, and launch cyber-attacks at speeds and scales beyond the capability of human operators. These technologies enable military forces to engage in cyber espionage, disrupt critical infrastructure, and incapacitate enemy systems in ways that are difficult to detect and defend against. Furthermore, AI is used to enhance intelligence analysis by processing and interpreting large volumes of data from various sources, including satellite imagery, communications intercepts, and social media. This capability enables militaries to gain real-time insights into enemy movements and intentions, significantly improving strategic decision-making. As these technologies continue to evolve, they promise to further enhance the effectiveness of military operations but also introduce new risks, particularly related to security breaches and the ethical implications of AI-driven espionage (Schmitt, 2013; Anderson, 2019).

While AI has the potential to revolutionize military operations, it also raises a number of ethical and security concerns that must be addressed. One of the most significant concerns is the issue of accountability. In traditional military operations, decisions made in the heat of battle are ultimately the responsibility of human commanders. However, with AI systems making critical decisions about targeting and engagement, it becomes unclear who is responsible for any violations of international law, such as unlawful killings or disproportionate use of force. The lack of human oversight in AI-driven operations makes it difficult to hold individuals accountable for the actions of autonomous systems, especially when these systems operate in environments with limited or no direct supervision. Additionally, there are concerns about bias in AI algorithms, which may reflect the biases of the data used to train them. In military applications, such biases could lead to discriminatory targeting or the unjustifiable harm to civilians (Crootof, 2016; Sparrow, 2017). Moreover, AI systems are not infallible, and the risk of

malfunction or errors in decision-making is another critical concern. Malfunctioning AI systems could lead to unintended escalation in conflicts or cause catastrophic consequences in high-stakes combat scenarios (Lin, 2017; Allen & Chan, 2020).

The ethical implications of AI in warfare also extend to the broader issue of human dignity and the protection of civilians. The use of autonomous weapon systems and drones, while potentially reducing risks to military personnel, also raises questions about the morality of delegating life-and-death decisions to machines. The principle of distinction, a cornerstone of international humanitarian law, requires combatants to distinguish between military and civilian targets, ensuring that civilians are not intentionally harmed during armed conflict. The reliance on AI systems to make such distinctions creates a significant challenge, as these systems may lack the nuanced understanding of context and human factors that a human operator would possess. Additionally, there is the potential for AI systems to be used in ways that violate human rights, particularly when they are deployed in ways that circumvent international legal norms or in situations where oversight is minimal (Binns, 2018; Gubrud, 2018). As AI continues to play a larger role in modern warfare, addressing these ethical and security concerns will be essential to ensure that these technologies are used in ways that are consistent with international legal standards and human rights protections.

3. Legal Challenges in the Regulation of AI in Warfare

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into warfare presents significant challenges for the regulation of armed conflict under existing legal frameworks, particularly in the context of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). IHL, including the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, is designed to regulate the conduct of warfare and protect those who are not or no longer participating in hostilities. The fundamental principles of IHL—distinction, proportionality, and necessity are intended to limit the effects of armed conflict, particularly on civilians. However, the application of these principles to AIdriven technologies, such as autonomous weapons and drones, raises complex legal and ethical questions. For instance, AI systems, unlike human soldiers, lack the ability to fully comprehend the context of a situation, which can result in challenges when applying the principle of distinction. Autonomous weapons may be unable to accurately distinguish between combatants and civilians in dynamic, fluid battlefield environments, which could lead to violations of IHL. The Geneva Conventions require human judgment in targeting decisions, but AI systems make these decisions based on pre-programmed algorithms or machine learning processes, often with limited human oversight (Roth, 2016). This lack of human control challenges the foundational assumption in IHL that combatants are responsible for ensuring compliance with the law during hostilities.

Moreover, the principle of proportionality in IHL mandates that the harm caused to civilians must not be excessive in relation to the anticipated military advantage. In the case of AI-driven weapons, the challenge lies in ensuring that these systems can correctly assess the proportionality of their actions in complex, ever-changing operational contexts. While human soldiers are expected to use judgment in evaluating the proportionality of an attack, AI systems may lack the capacity to consider the full range of variables involved in such decisions, potentially leading to disproportionate harm. Furthermore, AI's ability to operate autonomously raises the question of accountability in the event of an unlawful attack or a violation of IHL. If an AI system makes a decision to engage a target that results in civilian casualties or other breaches of IHL, it is unclear who should be held responsible for the violation: the developer of the AI system, the military commander, or the state employing the weapon (Gubrud, 2017; Schmitt, 2018).

Accountability in AI-driven military decisions presents another significant legal challenge. Under current international law, individuals who commit war crimes or violations of IHL are held responsible for their actions, whether they are military personnel or commanders. However, when AI systems make autonomous decisions in warfare, the lines of accountability become blurred. If an AI system is responsible for an unlawful strike, it is unclear whether the responsibility lies with the military personnel who programmed the system, the commanders who deployed it, or the state that used it. The current legal framework does not offer clear guidance on how accountability should be assigned in such cases. This raises concerns about impunity for AI-driven decisions, as well as the potential for states to use AI technologies as a way to avoid responsibility for unlawful actions. The challenge of assigning accountability is further complicated by the fact that many AI systems, particularly those using machine learning, are capable of evolving and making decisions that were not anticipated by their creators (Crootof, 2016). As such, it is difficult to trace the exact chain of responsibility for actions taken by AI systems in combat.

Current international legal frameworks that govern the use of force and the regulation of warfare are ill-equipped to address the unique challenges posed by AI in military applications. The use of force in international law is governed by the United Nations Charter, which prohibits the use of force except in cases of self-defense or when authorized by the UN Security Council. However, the proliferation of AI technologies in military operations complicates the application of this legal framework. The increasing autonomy of AI systems in military decision-making raises questions about whether these systems can be considered lawful under international law. For example, AI-driven drones and autonomous weapons may be deployed in ways that circumvent traditional state control over military force, leading to concerns about the escalation of conflicts without adequate checks and balances. The lack of specific provisions in existing international treaties regarding the use of AI in warfare creates a legal vacuum that must be addressed if international law is to remain relevant in the face of technological advancements (Sharkey, 2018; Lin, 2019).

4. International Approaches to Governing AI in Warfare

International approaches to governing the use of AI in warfare have been varied, with efforts by international organizations, national governments, and multilateral bodies to establish guidelines and frameworks for the regulation of autonomous weapons systems. The United Nations (UN) has played a central role in addressing the potential dangers of autonomous weapons, particularly through the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW). The CCW is a key international treaty designed to regulate weapons that have indiscriminate effects or cause excessive harm. In recent years, discussions within the CCW have focused on the regulation of fully autonomous weapons, with some member states advocating for a legally binding ban on autonomous weapon systems, while others argue that existing IHL is sufficient to govern their use. The UN has also established a Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) within the CCW to explore the implications of autonomous weapons and to develop recommendations for their regulation. These discussions have highlighted the challenges of applying traditional legal frameworks, such as IHL, to the rapidly evolving field of AI in warfare. The international community remains divided on the extent to which autonomous weapons should be regulated, with some advocating for a comprehensive treaty banning their use, while others seek more targeted regulations that focus on specific aspects of AI in warfare, such as accountability and transparency (UNIDIR, 2020).

National legal frameworks also play a significant role in governing the use of AI in warfare, although these frameworks vary widely between countries. Some nations, such as the United States, have made significant investments in AI technologies for military purposes, including autonomous drones and other unmanned systems. The U.S. Department of Defense has developed policies and guidelines for the ethical use of AI in warfare, which include ensuring that autonomous systems comply with IHL and are subject to appropriate levels of human oversight. However, these policies have been criticized for lacking sufficient safeguards to prevent unlawful use of AI-driven weapons and for not addressing the broader ethical implications of AI in warfare. Other countries, such as China and Russia, have also invested heavily in AI technologies for military purposes but have not yet developed comprehensive national legal frameworks to regulate their use. These countries are increasingly focused on the strategic advantages of AI in warfare, including its potential for enhancing military capabilities and gaining superiority in cyber operations. As a result, the lack of clear legal frameworks in these countries raises concerns about the global arms race in AI technologies and the potential for destabilizing effects on international security (Cummings, 2021; Sikkink, 2020).

The potential for multilateral agreements on AI governance in warfare remains an area of active discussion. Existing arms control treaties, such as the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), provide models for regulating weapons that pose significant risks to international security and human rights. Some scholars and policymakers have suggested that AI technologies in warfare could be regulated through a similar framework, with multilateral agreements focusing on issues such as the use of autonomous weapons, accountability, and the prevention of AI-based arms races. However, the challenge lies in achieving consensus among states with differing interests and security priorities. Many countries are reluctant to enter into binding agreements that would limit their technological development or military capabilities, especially in an era of increasing geopolitical competition. Despite these challenges, there is growing recognition that international cooperation is necessary to ensure that AI technologies are used in ways that are consistent with international law and ethical standards (Tutt, 2017; Williams, 2019). The creation of multilateral treaties or agreements that govern AI in

warfare could help prevent the unchecked proliferation of autonomous weapon systems and ensure that they are used responsibly in the context of international conflict.

The development of international legal frameworks that address the role of AI in warfare is critical to ensuring that these technologies are used in ways that promote international peace and security. While the current state of regulation is fragmented and often insufficient, there is growing momentum for creating a comprehensive legal framework that can address the unique challenges posed by AI in armed conflict. International cooperation, transparency, and accountability will be key to ensuring that the use of AI in warfare is consistent with international humanitarian law, human rights, and ethical principles.

5. Ethics and Human Rights Considerations

The deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in warfare raises significant ethical concerns, particularly with respect to human dignity, the protection of civilians, and adherence to the principle of distinction. The principle of distinction, a cornerstone of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), mandates that parties to a conflict must distinguish between combatants and non-combatants, ensuring that civilians are protected from direct attack. Autonomous AI systems, such as drones and robotic weapons, operate based on algorithms that are designed to recognize targets and make decisions in real time. However, these systems lack the human ability to assess the broader context of a situation, which can lead to misidentifications and unnecessary harm to civilians. Unlike human soldiers, who are expected to exercise judgment and discernment, AI systems may not be able to accurately distinguish between legitimate military targets and civilians in complex, rapidly changing environments. This raises profound ethical concerns, as the use of AI in warfare could potentially undermine the protections afforded to civilians under IHL, leading to violations of human dignity and loss of life (Sharkey, 2018; Crootof, 2016).

In addition to the ethical implications for civilian protection, there are also concerns about the broader impact on human dignity. Warfare has long been seen as a human endeavor, one in which human soldiers make life-and-death decisions based on ethical reasoning and legal norms. The increasing use of AI to replace human judgment in such decisions threatens to dehumanize the process of war, reducing individuals to targets and removing the moral responsibility that is typically borne by human combatants. AI-driven systems do not experience the moral weight of their decisions, and their actions are determined by the parameters set by their creators or programmers. This absence of human emotion and empathy in warfare raises ethical questions about the extent to which it is acceptable to delegate life-and-death decisions to machines. In this context, the ethical concerns around the use of AI in warfare are closely tied to the protection of human dignity, which is central to international human rights law (Williams, 2019; Gubrud, 2017).

Transparency and oversight are essential to ensure that AI systems in military applications comply with human rights standards and international law. One of the major challenges posed by AI in warfare is the opacity of decision-making processes. AI systems, particularly those utilizing machine learning, are often seen as "black boxes," where even their creators may not fully understand how they make decisions. This lack of transparency makes it difficult to assess whether these systems are operating in accordance with IHL and human rights principles. Without clear visibility into how AI systems function and make decisions, it is nearly impossible to ensure that they are not engaging in unlawful actions, such as targeting civilians or committing war crimes. Transparency in AI military applications is critical not only to protect human rights but also to maintain public trust in the use of AI in warfare. International oversight mechanisms are needed to ensure that these systems are deployed responsibly and in compliance with legal and ethical standards. Such oversight would involve independent assessments of AI systems, audits of military operations, and accountability mechanisms for instances where AI systems cause harm or violate international norms (Binns, 2018; Gromoll, 2019).

AI's role in autonomous decision-making in conflict zones also raises moral responsibility questions. In traditional warfare, responsibility for actions taken by military personnel rests with the individuals making those decisions, whether they are soldiers, commanders, or political leaders. However, when AI systems make decisions without human intervention, it becomes unclear who should be held morally or legally responsible for the consequences of those decisions. If an autonomous weapon system carries out an attack that results in civilian casualties, should the responsibility fall on the military commander who deployed the system, the developer who programmed the algorithm, or the AI system itself? The increasing autonomy of AI systems challenges the notion of moral agency, as these systems do not possess the ability to form intentions or exercise judgment in the way humans do. The question of responsibility becomes even more complex when AI systems are capable of

learning and adapting over time, making it difficult to trace the causal chain of responsibility for their actions. As AI technologies continue to evolve, establishing clear frameworks for moral and legal accountability in the context of warfare will be essential to ensure that human rights are respected and that justice is served in the event of unlawful actions (Schmitt, 2018; Lin, 2017).

6. Case Studies and Examples

The use of Autonomous Weapon Systems (AWS) in conflict zones has raised significant legal and ethical questions. In recent conflicts, such as the wars in Syria and Libya, AI-driven drones and robotic systems have played an increasingly prominent role in military operations. For example, drones equipped with AI algorithms have been used extensively by military forces to carry out surveillance, target identification, and precision strikes. These systems are capable of analyzing large amounts of data in real time to identify potential threats and engage targets without the need for direct human input. In Syria, for instance, drones have been used to track and eliminate enemy combatants, often with high accuracy. However, the increasing use of AI in military applications in conflict zones has sparked concerns about the potential for indiscriminate targeting and the violation of civilian protections. In Libya, AI-powered drones have been deployed by multiple actors, including state and non-state forces, raising concerns about the regulation of such weapons in ungoverned spaces where civilian protections may be weaker. These real-world examples highlight the challenges of ensuring compliance with international humanitarian law in the context of autonomous systems, as well as the difficulties in establishing accountability for AI-driven military actions (Cummings, 2021; Heyns, 2016).

Legal precedents surrounding the use of AI in warfare are still developing, but there have been instances where the deployment of autonomous weapons has been contested in national or international courts. One of the key issues in these cases is determining whether the use of autonomous systems violates principles of proportionality, distinction, or necessity under international humanitarian law. In some cases, courts have ruled that the use of AI-driven weapons was unlawful due to the failure to comply with these principles. However, these cases remain relatively rare, and the legal frameworks governing AI in warfare are still in their infancy. As AI technologies continue to evolve, it is likely that more legal challenges will emerge, particularly as states seek to use AI to gain military advantages. Courts will need to grapple with questions about the accountability of states and military personnel who deploy AI-driven systems, as well as the ethical implications of using machines to make life-and-death decisions (Tutt, 2017; Arkin, 2010).

AI's role in cyber warfare further complicates the legal landscape of warfare in the digital age. Cyber operations, including hacking, cyber espionage, and the use of AI in cyber-attacks, are becoming increasingly central to modern conflict. AI is used to enhance the effectiveness of cyber operations by automating tasks such as identifying vulnerabilities in networks, analyzing vast amounts of data, and launching coordinated attacks on enemy infrastructure. In some instances, AI-driven cyber operations have been used to target critical infrastructure, disrupt communication systems, and interfere with military operations. While these activities fall under the broader category of cyber warfare, the use of AI adds an additional layer of complexity. For example, AI systems may be able to execute cyber-attacks at speeds and scales beyond the capabilities of human operators, potentially leading to unintended escalation and the violation of international law. The legal implications of AI in cyber warfare, are being adapted to address the unique challenges posed by AI in the cyber domain. As cyber-attacks become more sophisticated and AI-driven, states will need to develop new legal frameworks to ensure that such actions are consistent with international law and human rights protections (Schmitt, 2013; Anderson, 2019).

7. Proposals for Legal Reforms and Governance

As the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in warfare continues to evolve, there is a growing need for a global regulatory framework that can effectively govern the deployment of AI-driven military technologies. Developing such a framework requires the cooperation of states, international organizations, and experts from various fields to address the ethical, legal, and technological challenges posed by AI in warfare. A robust international regulatory framework would need to set clear guidelines for the development, deployment, and use of AI systems in military contexts. This could involve the establishment of binding international treaties or conventions that explicitly define acceptable uses of AI in warfare and establish mechanisms for

monitoring compliance. Key provisions could include the prohibition of certain types of AI-driven weapons, such as fully autonomous lethal systems, and requirements for human oversight and intervention in critical decision-making processes. Additionally, the framework should include provisions to ensure that AI systems comply with existing international humanitarian law, including the principles of distinction, proportionality, and necessity. States would need to agree on common standards for the design and use of AI systems, particularly in terms of safety, accountability, and transparency, to ensure that these technologies do not contribute to unlawful or unethical conduct in armed conflict (Tollefsen, 2020; Anderson, 2021).

One of the critical aspects of regulating AI in warfare is the establishment of effective accountability mechanisms. Given the autonomous nature of many AI systems, determining who is responsible for decisions made by AI in military operations is a complex issue. Accountability should be structured through a combination of military responsibility, legal tribunals, and international oversight. For instance, military commanders and personnel involved in the deployment and operation of AI-driven systems should bear responsibility for ensuring that these systems comply with international law. However, accountability cannot rest solely on individual military actors; broader mechanisms are required to ensure that states are held accountable for the actions of their AI systems. International legal tribunals could play a key role in investigating and prosecuting violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law that involve AI systems. These tribunals would need to be equipped with the expertise to assess the legality of AI actions and to determine the responsibility of various parties involved, including states, manufacturers, and military personnel. Such mechanisms would help establish a clear framework for accountability in AI-driven warfare, ensuring that there are tangible consequences for unlawful actions and that victims of AI-related violations have access to justice (Ghezzi, 2021; Heyns, 2016).

Alongside regulatory frameworks and accountability mechanisms, the development of binding ethical guidelines for AI in military operations is essential. Ethical guidelines would provide a foundation for the responsible use of AI in warfare, ensuring that AI systems are designed and deployed with respect for human dignity, international law, and human rights. These guidelines should address key ethical considerations, such as the moral implications of delegating life-and-death decisions to machines, the risks of bias in AI algorithms, and the need for human oversight in the use of autonomous systems. The guidelines could be developed through consultations among governments, international organizations, academic experts, and civil society to ensure that they reflect a wide range of perspectives and values. In addition to general ethical principles, the guidelines should also provide practical recommendations for the design and use of AI systems in military contexts. For example, they could require that AI systems be subject to rigorous testing and validation before deployment to ensure that they operate as intended and that they do not pose risks to civilians or violate international humanitarian law. Binding ethical guidelines would help mitigate the risks associated with AI in warfare and provide a framework for responsible innovation in military technologies (Lin, 2020; Binns, 2018).

8. Conclusion

In this article, we have explored the complex intersection of law, ethics, and technology in the context of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its role in modern warfare. The rapid integration of AI into military strategies, weapon systems, and cyber operations has raised numerous legal and ethical challenges, particularly in relation to the protection of civilians, accountability for AI-driven decisions, and compliance with international humanitarian law. We have examined the need for robust legal frameworks to govern AI in warfare, the importance of transparency and oversight in military AI applications, and the ethical implications of using autonomous systems in conflict zones. Additionally, we have analyzed the gaps in current legal frameworks, particularly the limitations of existing international treaties in addressing the unique challenges posed by AI technologies.

The future regulation of AI in warfare will require concerted international cooperation and the development of comprehensive legal reforms. These reforms should include the creation of a global regulatory framework that ensures AI technologies comply with international humanitarian law, the establishment of clear accountability mechanisms, and the development of binding ethical guidelines for AI in military operations. By addressing these issues, we can help ensure that AI is used responsibly in warfare and that its deployment does not undermine human rights or exacerbate the risks of armed conflict.

Looking forward, further research is needed to explore the specific legal and ethical challenges posed by AI in warfare and to develop detailed proposals for legal reforms. International cooperation will be essential in shaping the future governance of AI in military contexts, as the use of AI in warfare continues to evolve. It is also crucial that policymakers, legal experts, and technologists work together to ensure that the governance of AI in warfare is aligned with broader goals of global security and peace. The implications of AI governance in warfare extend far beyond the battlefield and have profound consequences for international stability, the protection of human rights, and the future of warfare itself (Schmitt, 2018; Williams, 2020).

Ethical Considerations

All procedures performed in this study were under the ethical standards.

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