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# “Bully Bumping”

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## A Current Event:

Earlier this week North Korea started firing artillery rounds onto Yeongpyeong Island (about 70 miles West of Soeul & 90 miles South of P’yongyang); South Korea returned the fire. If the word “**tragedy**” is used to describe *the permanent injury/death of a person or group of people resulting from the unprovoked and intentional actions of another person or group of people...* then the North Korean attack was a tragedy for the South Koreans. Kudos to the world’s leaders for their thoughtful consideration of how to respond to the North Korean use of force.

Our recent use of massive force to remove a bully from power (i.e. blowing up part of downtown Baghdad to remove Saddam Hussein) subsequently led to an extremely expensive rebuilding effort; & trying to impress the world via “shock & awe” was far from our nation’s finest hour.

## A Suggestion:

The United States Military has been investing a fortune in developing Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV’s) for a number of years. While I challenge the wisdom of unilaterally using UAV’s to intentionally injure and/or kill humans in distant places, the idea of *using UAV’s to make bullies look stupid* has appeal... regardless of where the bullies may be practicing their craft. For example: one light UAV could *bump into a bully* at fairly low speed while a 2<sup>nd</sup> UAV sends back the live video of the event for the world to see; video of a known bully successfully swatting multiple UAV’s might be an even better laugh for the multitudes. Imagine Hitler, or Stalin being seen - by all – early in their careers – swatting *bully bumping* UAV’s on repeated occasions. Perhaps we can recast *being a bully who causes tragedies* into a laughable personal choice.

## A Conjecture:

By 100 years from now, “the right to own a lethal UAV” may be in the same class with “the right to bear arms” today, because line-of-sight weapons won’t suffice as a defense against local bullies in the future. Of course, humanity could actively cultivate *self-restraint* instead.