



Integration of UAVs in society: Opportunities and challenges from public viewpoint on UAVs in Civilian Airspace

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<p>This research aims to explore the impact of incorporating drones into society from a perspective, in airspace. It focuses on understanding how UAV technology influences society through a research approach. Acknowledging the paced development of drones and their potential to change life the study seeks to assess public opinions systematically and evaluate the regulations governing drone integration.</p> <p>To accomplish this goal the study will utilize a methodology. First it will conduct surveys to collect data on how the general public perceives drones in areas. This phase will examine attitudes towards privacy, safety and the societal advantages of drone technology to gauge acceptance levels and identify areas of concern among individuals.</p> <p>At the time the research will analyze documents such as policy papers, industry reports, academic studies and media coverage to create a detailed overview of drone policies, regulations and their societal consequences. This qualitative analysis aims to enhance the survey results by offering an understanding of regulatory aspects related to drone technology. By combining insights from surveys with findings from document reviews this thesis hopes to present a comprehensive perspective, on integrating drones into society.</p> <p>The expected result will be a series of informed suggestions, for decision makers and interested parties aimed at easing the integration of UAVs in a way that reflects concerns and addresses the obstacles pinpointed in our research.</p> <p>This looking research aims not to add to the scholarly conversation on UAV technology but also to guide the creation of policies that promote the safe and advantageous deployment of UAVs in non-military settings guaranteeing that technological progress aligns, with societal requirements and ethical standards.</p>
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1 Introduction

Drones, also called Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), are becoming a new phase that is still ongoing and holds the promise of changing society like never before. Drones were initially made for military use only but their technology has expanded quickly to other areas too. This fast growth in UAVs shows how innovation and technology are combining together to open up many possibilities in fields like emergency response, environment observation, farming methods improvement as well as city transportation logistics among others. Additionally, this merging of cultures also introduces a group of problems and worries that need to be thought about and discussed with all the parties involved.

The use of UAVs has the potential to change how services are provided, boost safety and enhance environmental friendliness. Nonetheless, if these aircraft become more widespread it raises concerns over safeguarding privacy as well as security issues. Additionally, there are worries regarding adherence with regulations and public acceptance. These aspects stress the significance of discovering an approach that combines progress with societal standards and values.

In this context, the purpose of the thesis is to investigate how UAVs are being combined into society by looking at the advantages for public welfare and intricate issues they create. The main aim of the study concentrates on gathering views from people about UAVs that operate in airspace, and we must recognize how much public opinion impacts the way UAV integration happens. From this viewpoint, we want to examine if technology related to UAVs can match up with hopes from different groups of society, moral worries, as well as rules set by government bodies, to form an environment suitable for its integration.

This introduction sets the stage for a study on how UAVs are weaved into society. It states the reason and significance of this research, as well as the research inquiries guiding it and the overall structure of the thesis. Through these details, the thesis aims to give understanding about discussions related to UAV technology and offer suggestions for beneficially integrating UAVs into daily life.

This thesis, in its exploration, is not only academic but also touches the meeting point of progress with demands and ethical principles. It has the potential to promote good changes and inspire innovation around the world.

In this thesis, 'UAVs' will be used as a short form for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles after they are introduced first time to make sure text is clear and consistent.

1.1 Research Aim and Objectives

In this time of technology, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are turning into important tools for change. They make services better and wider in many different sections. The thesis investigates how UAV technology is reshaping emergency healthcare by transporting medical equipment to distant places and changing old farming methods, taking Marshall's 2022 report on UAS integration into civil airspace as well as the UAS Bulletin from European Civil Aviation Conference (2021) as its basis.

Though UAVs have clear advantages, they also bring issues with privacy, safety and rules. This study intends to weigh the benefits with ethical concerns, safety worries and regulatory challenges related to UAV use. It seeks an understanding of how people see these technologies; from hopeful anticipation for progress in technology on one hand - to worries over matters like privacy or accidents caused by this very same advancement on the other side.

One crucial part of this study is examining the current rules that control the activities of UAVs. This helps in planning flexible regulations, guaranteeing safety and respect for privacy as UAV technology progresses. The study looks deeply into different uses for UAVs like responding to disasters, checking infrastructure, or working in agriculture and also considers technical difficulties and regulatory barriers.

This thesis brings together viewpoints from important reports and roadmaps, giving a deep comprehension of blending UAVs into regular life. It emphasizes chances and issues, aiming to offer guidance for key decision makers along with industry experts as well as general public towards knowledgeable actions. The goal is to encourage policies and operational decisions that promote the responsible incorporation of UAV technology into everyday situations.

1.2 Significance of the Study

This study is important because it looks at how Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) fit into society, showing the progress of technology and dealing with moral, regulatory and social problems. The research hopes to give useful understanding for those who make policies and have an interest in this field by checking what people think about UAVs as well as their effects in different places. This will guarantee that the technology of UAV can be used for good while keeping a social duty, guiding future applications of UAVs and forming needed rules to increase their positive effect on society.

This study has an important impact on policy and regulatory alterations because it examines existing UAV frameworks, suggesting required modifications to match with ongoing technological developments. The research highlights the significance of safety, privacy and security by providing guidance for creating flexible regulations that back up the inclusion of UAVs into non-military airspace.

Importance of Social Acceptance and Ethical Use

The study's findings demonstrate the importance of promoting social acceptance and ethical use of UAVs. This is essential to build public trust in these flying devices. The research indicates that a key aspect for establishing this trust lies within stringent privacy regulations, along with transparent operations for preventing misuse or violation against people's personal space. In order to achieve public trust, it is necessary that all UAV operators comply with strict privacy regulations. This includes obtaining appropriate permissions before carrying out any surveillance or data collection activities using their drone (especially in high sensitive areas) as well as ensuring safety during flights so as not to compromise on public safety aspects." This shows how important it is that we ensure everyone who uses a UAV adheres to strict rules about privacy; this means getting permission from authorities beforehand when observing someone's actions through surveillance cameras or collecting information on them via their devices like drones - particularly if these areas are known for being highly sensitive due either political reasons such as active military zones where unauthorized entry could result into severe legal penalties; industrial sites dealing with hazardous materials requiring special protection measures etcetera... Also, making sure there isn't any risk involved regarding public safety is also crucial. To enhance community involvement and public knowledge, it is crucial to have a clear communication about UAV projects, their benefits and safety measures.

UAVs can create social progress in different areas. For example, during emergency response they help a lot. They are able to quickly check the situation after disasters and bring aid, which improves how fast relief work happens and its impact too. In medical field, UAVs have potential to carry necessary medicines or supplies where it's hard for people to reach (overcoming logistic problems) and this could save lives. UAV technology also helps with environmental care by giving gentle ways to watch wildlife and ecosystems, manage resources, and fight against illegal activities such as poaching or deforestation. Furthermore, UAVs improve learning experiences through their capability of showing geographic and environmental subjects from above which makes them simpler for learners to understand and become interested in.

1.3 Research Questions

Main Research Question:

Q1: How does the general public perceive drones operating in civilian airspace?

Sub-Questions:

Q2: What regulatory challenges are associated with managing UAVs in civilian airspace?

Q3: How can we make the transition of UAVs into civilian life smooth and easy?

Q4: Which approaches are essential to align with UAV operations with manned aviation and public requirements?

1.4 Research Methods

This thesis uses a mixed-methods technique, merging quantitative and qualitative research methods to deeply examine the incorporation of UAV into non-military airspace.

1.4.1 Quantitative Methods: Surveys

To collect quantitative data on what the public thinks about UAVs in terms of privacy, safety, benefits and acceptance, we carry out surveys. The layout of the survey is guided by study reviews to guarantee it is pertinent to investigation queries. Data from a variety of people is gathered through internet platforms and community involvement, then studied using statistics software for finding trends and connections within it.

1.4.2 Qualitative Methods: Document Analysis

The part where quality is considered involves inspecting documents that already exist and have connection to UAV policy and integration. These could be academic articles, reports from the industry, guidelines of regulation authorities or similar materials. This kind of examination assists in giving context to survey results by offering more understanding about the rules and social effects related with using UAVs. Documents are chosen based on how they relate to the subject matter as well as their recentness, then they go through a critical review process; this means we scrutinize them carefully to find information which either supports or questions our numerical data.

1.4.3 Integration of Data

The mix of both quantitative survey results and qualitative document analysis gives a full comprehension of the subject under research. This mixed-methods method improves the truthfulness of findings by giving both number-based data and context depth, to make sure final sayings are backed up well and show a balanced understanding about problems being discussed. The last suggestions and discussions in thesis are shaped by combined learnings from these two methods, offering useful viewpoints on how UAVs can be integrated into everyday civilian living.

1.5 Overlay Matrix

Table 1. Overlay Matrix

Investigative Questions	Literature Review (Chapters)	Methodology (Chapters)	Findings (Chapters)
Q1: How does the general public perceive drones operating in civilian airspace?	2.6	3.1	4.2
Q2: What regulatory challenges are associated with managing UAVs in civilian airspace?	2.3	3.2	4.2
Q3: How can we make the transition of UAVs into civilian life smooth and easy?	2.7	3.3	4.3.5
Which approaches are essential to align with UAV operations with manned aviation and public requirements?	2.2	3.2	4.3

1.6 Types of Drones

Micro and Mini Drones

Micro and mini drones, usually weighing less than 2 kg, are commonly employed for personal or leisure activities because of their compact sizes and simplicity in handling. These kinds of drones can fly inside buildings too. They are liked by people who enjoy hobbies related to aerial photography as well as those learning how to pilot a drone for the first time (Rolly et al., 2022).

Small Drones

Small drones, usually weighing from 2 kg to 25 kg, are helpful gadgets in commercial work, research jobs and law enforcement works. These types of drones are frequently applied for various tasks like taking pictures from the air, surveying land areas or providing fast delivery services. The fact that they need easy maintenance and can start flying as well as stop and hover in a vertical way increases their usefulness especially useful for areas that have many people or difficult to reach locations (Abro et al., 2022).

Medium Drones

The use of medium drones is seen in tougher tasks like moving goods and doing large-scale surveillance from the air. These types are often chosen for work in industry or military because they can carry more weight and fly for longer time periods. The fast-growing market of medium-sized UAVs shows how much they are becoming important for business and government (Abro et al., 2022)

Large Drones

Large drones, even those made for military use, can hold big loads. They might have high-tech spying tools and sometimes weapons too. These are very important for protecting our country, managing large-scale logistics and doing extensive geographical surveys. Normally, rules about using them are quite strict because of their abilities and how it could affect privacy as well as safety Rolly et al., (2022).

1.7 Report Layout

In this part, it explains the design of the thesis report. It shows every necessary part and how content is arranged in various chapters. The report is set up to give a straightforward path for ideas and research, showing thorough understandings about joining Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) with civilian airspace.

Chapter 1: Introduction

The research begins with chapter one. This section introduces the subject, presents its research queries and emphasizes on why this particular study is important. It also provides an outline of how the report is structured to help guide readers about what they can anticipate in following chapters.

Chapter 2: Literature Review

In the literature review, significant present-day research on UAV technology, its applications and social effects is combined. It also points out where there are still missing parts in knowledge and places this study within the larger academic area.

Chapter 3: Research Methodology

In this chapter, the way data was gathered and examined is clarified. The design of the survey is described, as well as document analysis methods and why they were chosen. It guarantees that the study can be repeated and firmly aligns it with scientific methodology.

Chapter 4: Data Analysis and Results

This chapter is about the outcomes of survey and document analysis. It takes raw data and changes it into valuable conclusions, showing important trends and patterns that respond to the research questions.

Chapter 5: Discussion

This part takes the findings and links them with the literature review as well as theoretical framework. It gives an interpretation of results, ponders over their significance, responds to research questions and talks about limitations along with potential future investigation areas or suggestions.

Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendations

In the end part, there is a short conclusion about what this study found and how it can be useful for policy making, doing things in real life and future investigation. They also give suggestions based on the results of research and possible next steps for more study or use.

2 Literature Review

The literature review is a comprehensive study of the multifaceted impacts when Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are integrated into civilian airspace, offering necessary fundamental understanding for appreciating far-reaching effects caused by this growing technology. The review's structure relies on six main subjects that handle distinct yet related elements essential in using and endorsing UAVs within different sectors.

The first part of the review talks about Technological Developments in UAVs. It looks into new progress made in areas like UAV engineering, autonomy and communications. This section highlights how quick advancements are improving drone abilities to handle more complicated tasks across different settings.

After the technical parts, it is time to move on to examining the Regulatory and Legal Frameworks that control UAV operations. This part looks into how policies at home and worldwide are changing to deal with fresh difficulties brought about by UAVs. The main focus is on how these changes impact airspace integration, privacy matters as well as safety standards. The aim of this section is to explain the efforts made by regulatory bodies in keeping up with technological progress while ensuring public safety and adherence to rules.

After that, the Economic and Environmental Impacts are assessed. This section studies how UAVs affect market changes and environmental enduringness. We consider the cost-effectiveness of UAV operations and their ability to lessen carbon footprints in sectors such as logistics and farming.

The part of Societal Impact and Public Perception is thinking about how people see UAVs, it also includes ethical matters. The section looks into community responses towards drones, specifically related to issues of privacy; worries about security; and the social acceptance for surveillance as well as data gathering roles.

Case Studies of UAV Applications, which are practical examples of UAVs in real-world scenarios, show their usage now in different areas like emergency services, observing infrastructure and managing agriculture. They emphasize good use and difficulties faced when applying them practically.

At last, the review talks about Future Directions and Technological Gaps. Here, it points out areas of continuing research and new developments that might influence how UAVs are used in the fu-

ture. This part also considers how changing technologies could solve current limits and create fresh chances for incorporating UAVs deeply into different fields.

2.1 Fundamentals of UAV Technology

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), which people commonly refer to as drones, are a major technological development in aerial capabilities that do not require human pilots on board. This part describes the main elements and functions of UAV systems and talks about how they work to help you comprehend their wider uses and effects.

Components of UAVs

UAVs are comprised of several key components that enable their diverse functionalities:

Airframe: The body part of a UAV, consisting of the main body called fuselage, wings (for fixed-wing UAVs) and rotors that are present in rotary-wing ones.

Propulsion System: This usually includes electric motors that are powered by batteries. These motors turn the propellers or rotors, creating lift and forward motion.

Navigation System: A normal component is the presence of GPS and inertial navigation systems which aid the drone in identifying its location, speed and direction.

Control System: It is made up of computer systems on the aircraft and controllers that are based on the ground. These handle all aspects of UAV operations, from setting the flight path to deploying payloads.

Operational Principles

UAVs operate under varying degrees of autonomy:

Remotely Operated: On this stage, UAVs need nonstop aid from a human controller who operates with a remote control. Usually, they also have ongoing video feeds from the UAV.

Semi-Autonomous: These Unmanned Aerial Vehicles have the ability to carry out some duties without human assistance. For example, they can stabilize themselves and do basic navigation tasks on their own; however, still need a pilot's control for intricate moves or deciding actions.

Fully Independent: This is the most advanced level of technology, where the UAVs can carry out complete missions by themselves - starting from takeoff and ending with landing - using instructions programmed in advance plus dynamic sensing and decision algorithms.

Operational Modes

The operational mode of a UAV significantly influences its application and regulatory considerations:

Manual Mode: A human operator has full control of the UAV. This is usual for recreational and certain professional photography purposes.

Mode Assisted: Uses onboard sensors and autonomy for certain tasks such as avoiding obstacles, but remains under human control.

Autonomous Mode: This mode is employed for intricate activities like keeping an eye on agriculture or dealing with emergencies. In this setting, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) function by using sophisticated formulas and don't require continuous human intervention.

This basic knowledge about UAV technology helps to explain how drones operate. It also sets a foundation for talking about their many uses in areas like business, environment and safety that we will study later on in this Literature Review.

2.2 Technological Developments

The quick advancement in technology for UAVs has greatly increased their abilities and use in many fields. This part of the paper combines new studies to summarize the important technological progress that has formed today's situation regarding UAV applications.

2.2.1 Enhanced Autonomy and Intelligent Systems

Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) autonomy has been greatly improved by progress in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. These technologies help UAVs to carry out complicated navigation, object identification, and decision-making on their own. (Telli et al. 2023) elaborate on these advancements which not only improve the functioning operation but also expand the possible missions of UAVs, such as tracking environment changes and urban surveillance.

2.2.2 Improved Communication and Integration Systems

The improvement in communication systems is very important for the full acceptance of UAVs in civilian and controlled airspace. (Grlj et al. 2023) highlighted how advancements in technologies for UAV communication help to enhance coordination with ground stations, as well as other air space users, which leads to more secure operations. These improvements are very important in fields

such as traffic control and emergency responses, because they need immediate data transmission and handling for making good decisions.

2.2.3 Advancements in Energy Efficiency and Flight Duration

Energy efficiency and flight time of UAVs have significantly enhanced, mainly due to developments in battery technology and energy management systems. The creation of lighter yet more power-packed batteries lets UAVs carry out lengthier tasks without requiring frequent recharging. This development is very important for applications that require prolonged aerial coverage like observation in agriculture or providing services for delivery over long distances.

2.2.4 Precision and Reliability in Harsh Environments

UAVs have gained a lot in terms of working well across different and tough surroundings. They now come with updated sensors, along with environmental adjustment technologies that let them function efficiently even in changing weather conditions. This quality is very important for tasks like geological survey, searching and saving people's lives, and environment investigation where accuracy and dependability are crucial.

2.2.5 Future Prospects

In the upcoming time, UAV technology has big chances to bring about more advances that could completely change how they work and use. The continuous merging of AI with UAV systems is likely to result in greater self-governance, therefore permitting UAVs to carry out tasks of growing complexity with less involvement from humans. Moreover, development in swarm technology might allow joint operations among many UAVs, improving effectiveness and adaptability for significant-size operations.

2.3 Regulatory and Legal Frameworks for UAVs

As UAVs gradually change different fields like farming and city design, the requirement for broad and flexible regulation systems becomes very important. This subchapter reviews George Cho's views primarily, together with a study by (Ghosh et al.) that compares different policies about UAVs in European Union countries.

2.3.1 Safety and Airspace Integration

To make sure UAVs and manned aircraft, along with other airborne technologies, exist together safely needs flexible regulatory systems. (Cho. 2023) highlights the importance of rules that adjust to fast technological progress in UAV potential, guaranteeing secure incorporation into current air

space structures. These policies should focus not just on technical elements like navigation or how to avoid collisions but also cover operational procedures required for keeping safety levels high within different aviation settings.

2.3.2 Privacy and Data Protection

The rise of UAVs in surveillance and data gathering brings up serious issues around privacy. (Cho. 2023) emphasizes the importance of strong regulations on privacy that control how UAVs are used for gathering data, especially in situations where sensitivity is involved. The rules must confirm that the operations of UAV follow laws related to protecting data. They need to give clear instructions about using, keeping and sharing gathered data which are very important for keeping trust from public side.

2.3.3 International Collaboration and Standardization

The need for a coordinated worldwide regulatory system is an inherent characteristic of UAV technology because it can operate across national borders. (Ghosh et al. 2023) talk about how international treaties and agreements are crucial in making the rules for UAVs uniform across different countries, making it easier to manage airspace as well as set up safety standards and protect privacy. This kind of working together guarantees that UAVs can function worldwide, taking into account the unique rules and regulations of every jurisdiction.

2.3.4 Export Controls and Technology Transfer

The worldwide spread of UAV technology also highlights export controls and technology transfer problems. Cho emphasizes that the global exchange of UAV tech should be regulated to avoid misuse and confirm that progress in UAVs doesn't go against world security agreements. The regulation systems must include export controls for handling the distribution of sensitive technologies with care.

2.3.5 Regulations Tailored to Drone Size

Various drone sizes require distinct sets of rules to handle their specific effects and operational difficulties. These customized regulations guarantee the secure and moral utilization of drones, matching with societal and safety requirements.

2.3.6 Micro and Small Drones: Urban Space and Privacy Concerns

A substantial worry linked to drones is the invasion of privacy, especially with micro and small UAVs in crowded city locations. The rules for these kinds of UAVs are strict, primarily concentrat-

ing on safeguarding privacy and controlling operations to avoid trespassing into personal areas. Those who operate them must follow specific guidelines that limit unapproved surveillance as well as data gathering; this is especially stringent in sensitive or private zones. These rules are very important to keep up public confidence and handle the social effects of these smaller drones (Abro et al., 2022).

2.3.7 Medium and Large Drones: Safety and Airspace Regulations

For bigger drones, like those used to carry heavier loads or in wider areas such as delivering cargo and farming tasks, they must comply with strict safety rules for airspace. This involves getting a tough certification and following detailed standards of flight operation so that they can operate safely together with manned aircrafts while also keeping the ground areas secure. The larger UAVs come under regulatory frameworks to avoid dangers tied up with their usage, showing the significance of safety in national airspace combining (Ghosh et al., 2022).

2.4 Economic and Environmental Impacts

2.4.1 Job Creation and Market Expansion

The UAV industry has created many jobs in different areas like manufacturing, software development and managing operations. As the technology of UAVs keeps getting better, there is a growing need for skilled workers in these fields which helps to diversify economy and create new career opportunities. In Nelson et al. 's study (2019), it is anticipated that the industry will produce more than 100,000 fresh employments, having a considerable effect on local economies especially in areas focused on technology.

2.4.2 Cost Efficiency and Productivity Gains

UAVs have enhanced efficiency in many areas. In farming, drones help with precise methods such as monitoring and treating crops. This reduces waste of resources while improving production of harvests. For the building industry, UAVs quicken surveys and make them cheaper which saves more money than using old ways.

2.4.3 Innovation and Business Model Transformation

Incorporating UAVs in typical business frameworks has stimulated creativity, notably in logistics and delivery activities. Drones are under examination for last-leg conveyance, which shortens distribution duration as well as expenses while possibly cutting down on the carbon outputs linked

with vehicle travel. These transforming uses not only disturb present business patterns but also establish fresh chances for services that were earlier unattainable or too costly to execute.

2.4.3 Environmental Monitoring and Conservation

UAVs are very useful for protecting the environment. They can observe animals from a good view and discover changes in the environment without disturbing natural places too much. They help stop illegal cutting of trees and hunting by providing fast data that aids quick enforcement actions. Also, they are excellent in mapping areas which are difficult to reach that give scientists and protectors of nature important information for guarding these regions effectively.

2.4.4 Reduction in Carbon Emissions

Furthermore, the operational efficiency of UAVs indirectly supports environmental sustainability by decreasing carbon emissions. In the words of (Green et al. 2022), drones are a substitute for conventional vehicles in functions like deliveries and data collection, which lessens the need for transportation methods that load up on carbon. This is particularly important for urban logistics, where drones can help reduce traffic on roads and decrease pollution.

2.4.5 Challenges and Environmental Considerations

Despite their benefits, UAVs also bring challenges to the environment. Making and using drones needs resources and can create pollution. We should do complete evaluations of their entire cycle to know all the environmental effects that come with UAVs. Also, when UAVs become more widespread, regulatory frameworks need to adapt for dealing with the rising use of airspace and make sure that drones don't create problems for wildlife or cause noise and sight pollution.

2.5 Societal Impact and Public Perception of UAVs

2.5.1 Societal Benefits of UAV Integration

UAVs have brought transformative benefits in various sectors, improving societal services and infrastructure management. For instance, in healthcare field they have revolutionized the delivery mechanisms for crucial medical supplies. This is especially beneficial when traditional logistics systems fail due to geographical or emergency issues. By reducing the time needed to deliver necessary medicines and medical tools, UAVs not only improve how quickly medical help can reach people but also increase access to health services in areas that are less served or far away from main locations. This growth of medical service reach and effectiveness enhances societal resilience by making communities stronger in handling health crises and emergency situations

(Sen, 2021). Moreover, UAVs have an important role in the progress of cities. They provide aerial data that is needed for infrastructure projects starting from planning to maintenance stages. This ability helps encourage better decisions which result in urban growth that is more sustainable, improved care for public utilities, and ultimately a higher life standard for those living in cities.

2.5.2 Challenges and Public Concerns

Even though the benefits are big, it is not easy to include UAVs in civilian life. One difficulty that arises from mixing UAVs into normal society is linked with privacy and surveillance. How people view and think about UAVs for civilian use is closely related to their double function as service providers but also possible tools for doing surveillance. This double role brings up a subtle public conversation where excitement about technological progress and effectiveness through using UAV often gets balanced by important worries regarding invasion of privacy as well as dangers associated with data safety. In city surroundings, where worries about individual area and secrecy are already significant, the possibility of UAVs quietly gathering data increases attention. These worries are also made worse by the technology's potential to gather intricate information from areas with many people living in them. This brings up moral queries on how much surveillance should be included in daily routine (Sen, 2021).

2.5.3 Regulatory Influence on Public Perception

Making regulatory frameworks for the use of UAVs effective and easy to understand is very important. Rules must cover all areas that relate to operating these machines, including ethical aspects such as privacy and protection of data. Clear policies on how we use UAVs, manage data from them, and their operational limits can reduce worries about privacy while building trust among people about this technology being safe and useful in civilian life. In addition, the rules need to be flexible and future-oriented. This is important so that with progress in technology, UAVs can join society in a way that balances individual freedom and safety of the public. The careful study of strategies for fitting UAVs into society and thinking about privacy found in current literature supports this method (Marshall, 2022; Nelson et al., 2019; Ghosh, Kamruzzaman & Hasan, 2023; Drone Laws in Finland).

2.5.4 Future Outlook and Policy Recommendations

Possibilities for UAV societal roles seem to grow wider and more significant as the increasing capabilities and applications of UAVs are considered. Smoothly merging these aircraft into daily civilian life will depend on managing public worries along with ethical problems well. It needs constant, open conversation among all involved parties - technologists, policymakers, and those who form

public opinion - to handle the intricate ethics world that UAV technology brings forth. The main thing here is that we need to create complete, flexible policy plans. These plans should make sure we get all the good things from UAV technology while handling and reducing risks. The conversation and change in policy will decide how UAV technology moves forward in society. It will also affect how these tools can improve delivering service and controlling infrastructure without breaking ethical rules or people's trust (Sen, 2021).

2.6 Case Studies of UAV Applications

2.6.1 Comparative Analysis of UAV Integration into Civil Aviation: India and Global Perspectives

The way India is incorporating UAVs into civil aviation shows a focus on recent rules made in 2021, which attempt to make operations more organized and secure with features such as 'No Permission – No Takeoff' (NPNT), real-time tracking, and geo-fencing. These regulations are planned to decrease clashes between drones and crewed aircraft, increasing safety during operations while also helping the growth of UAV use in different areas. This method of India's differs from worldwide patterns where nations are involved in different phases of creating their own policies for managing UAVs. In the same way, the European Union and United States have made broad frameworks that stress safety, privacy and commercial liberty. Yet, India's framework is distinct because it was created quickly and put into action fast. It has been made to fight against problems unique to this area such as dense population along with big differences between regions in health care services as well as economic resources (Pandey & Prabhakar, 2022).

2.6.2 UAVs in Commercial Delivery Services

Looking at the use of UAVs in commercial delivery services, we see how they could change logistics, especially in cities. Drones have the ability to lessen delivery time and cost along with lowering urban traffic jams. But, putting into action the services of UAV delivery is a complicated task that needs dealing with detailed rules about airspace, taking care of public safety and overcoming doubts from people regarding privacy and protection issues. The strong rules and laws for using commercial UAVs are very important. They should be flexible enough to keep up with new changes in the abilities of UAV technology.

2.6.3 Societal Impact and Applications of UAVs

UAVs in Disaster Response Scenarios

The role of drones in managing disasters is very important because they can quickly react to the situation and assess damages without putting human lives at risk. They help with mapping areas affected by the disaster, evaluating damage to structures, and aiding in missions for searching and saving lives. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles make emergency responses more effective through swift and precise data provision as well as enabling smooth cooperation during crisis moments. Nevertheless, combining UAVs with usual emergency services also has difficulties. For instance, there are problems related to regulations and requirements for quicker methods of sending out the devices (Marshall, 2022).

UAVs in Agricultural Monitoring

In the field of agriculture, UAVs cause a major change in farming methods because they are used for precision agriculture. Drones that have advanced sensors monitor the health of crops, optimize pesticide use and handle resources more efficiently. This helps farmers to take better choices, resulting in higher crop production and less waste. Even though there are great advantages, problems like expensive technology and requirement of trained operators hinder broad acceptance.

UAV Use in Environmental Monitoring

UAVs, also referred to as drones, have become significant in the safeguarding of environment. They are frequently employed for monitoring habitats, tracking wildlife populations and observing environmental changes with little human interference. Drones are especially useful in areas that are difficult to access or sensitive where minimizing disturbance is very important. They provide good quality data for environmental assessments and strategies of conservation. But, difficulties come in overseeing the impacts of UAVs on wildlife and ecosystems and also guaranteeing data privacy and safety (Zhang et al., 2018).

2.6.4 Youtube and the use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning technologies as a Commercial Solution

Google's subsidiary, YouTube, uses artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to deal with large amounts of content and improve user experiences. This shows how advanced technology can disrupt traditional service models (Marr 2019; DeepTech Bytes 2021).

Content Moderation

AI plays a key role in YouTube's content moderation. In the beginning of 2020, AI systems removed nearly 11 million videos. More than 75% of these were identified before they got any views

(DeepTech Bytes, 2021). Quick detection helps make the platform safer but may wrongly mark real content as inappropriate (Marr, 2019).

Recommendation System

The AI in YouTube's recommendation system uses machine learning to suggest videos based on user actions, like clicks and watch time. It enhances user engagement, but sometimes it can lead to the promotion of content that is more sensational (Marr, 2019; DeepTech Bytes, 2021).

User Experience Enhancements

AI makes "Up Next" suggestions better and enhances automatic video background modifications, giving a smooth user experience (DeepTech Bytes, 2021).

Challenges and Ethical Considerations

AI also brings problems like worry over privacy, issues with data security and the unfairness of algorithms. These things show that we must always work towards getting better results as well as having ethical control (Marr, 2019; DeepTech Bytes, 2021).

3 Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This thesis is using a mixed-methods strategy. It combines qualitative document study with quantitative surveys to investigate the fusion of UAVs in our society. This way, we can fully check the detailed views collected from text examination and also look at wider patterns seen in statistical information.

3.2 Data Collection Methods

For studying the integration of UAVs into society, two main data collection methods are used: survey questionnaires for getting quantitative insights and document analysis to understand qualitative context. This mixed-methods strategy is important because it gives a balanced view by capturing statistical trends along with detailed stories.

3.2.1 Qualitative Data Collection: Document Analysis

Method: Document Analysis

We use document analysis to collect detailed qualitative data from texts that already exist. This includes examining different types of documents like rules made by the government, reports about an industry's condition, academic papers and also media stories related with UAV technology.

Procedure:

Choice of Documents: The selection of documents will be done according to their relevance and freshness so that the information we gather is appropriate and mirrors the present status of UAV integration.

Data Extraction: There will not be a structured coding scheme for the data extraction, because it is expected to follow normal bachelor-level research methods that are simple and clear. The process includes carefully reviewing each document and noting down important points, themes, and understandings. This careful review will concentrate on parts that have a direct connection with societal impacts, regulatory structures as well as public viewpoint regarding UAVs.

Analysis: The information that is taken out will be grouped by themes in an easy, organized format to show important discoveries and their effects on the research questions.

3.2.2 Quantitative Data Collection: Surveys

Methodology: Surveys that have been prepared with the purpose of measuring public perceptions and feelings about UAVs in a numerical way are called structured questionnaires.

Procedure:

Survey Design: The survey will include an array of closed-ended and Likert-style inquiries, focusing on the measurement of public viewpoint about advantages, worries as well as general acceptance towards UAV technology.

Sampling: The people who will take part in the study, they are chosen using a method called stratified random sampling from general public. This way guarantees that there is variety and representativeness in demographical sample as explained in Section 3.2

Distribution and Collection: The survey will be given out electronically through social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Instagram, and also sent via email to students at Haaga-Helia University as well as personal contacts. The responses to this survey will be collected online, making it easy for the participants and helping in compiling data efficiently.

3.2.3 Type of Research

A mixed-methods design is used. to deal with the many aspects of UAV integration into society. This style merges the value of qualitative understandings from document analysis and statistical generalizations gained through surveys, offering a complete perspective on societal effects and public opinions about UAVs.

3.2.4 Justification

This mix of methods is fitting because it gives a thorough comprehension of how UAV technology fits into the social structures. Document analysis supplies a strong groundwork for understanding from current literature and historical background, while surveys provide measurable data that can be scaled up to influence policies and adjust with technological shifts.

Other possible methods were thought about before choosing this approach. Group discussions from focus groups might have given us detailed qualitative views on how people see things, by promoting deep conversations that could uncover hidden social attitudes (Hyman & Sierra, 2016). Yet using this method makes it difficult to find a large range of perspectives as surveys do.

Interviews that are more in-depth might give better understanding, showing personal worries and hopes about drone technology. However, the significant time and resources required would limit the number of participants and thus reduce the diversity of perspectives.

Thus, the selected method of document analysis and surveys gives equilibrium to comprehending the subject on a deep and wide level. Document analysis sets up a basic comprehension of current problems, patterns, and policy structures. On the other hand, surveys cover more modern viewpoints and worries in an extensive way. This path allows for findings that are both deeply based and commonly relevant.

The mixed-methods approach is supported by the theoretical frameworks put forth by Timans, Wouters, and Heilbron (2019). They propose that combining qualitative with quantitative methods can lead to more profound and extensive research. This method is important in new study areas such as UAV technology, where it's necessary to comprehend both the rules set by authorities and public views for capturing complete societal effects.

3.3 Participants and Sampling

3.3.1 Participants

Survey Design and Implementation:

The survey's goal was to collect numbers-based information on how the public views UAVs, concentrating on matters like privacy, safety and general acceptance. A mix of closed-ended questions along with Likert-scale ratings were employed in order to capture a broad spectrum of opinions.

Participant Demographics:

Age Distribution: Respondents included 45% aged 18-35, 30% aged 36-50, and 25% over 50.

Gender Split: The participation was almost evenly split between male and female, with 51% of men and 49% of women.

Geographical Distribution: Most of the respondents were from urban places (65%), and there were also people from suburban (27%) as well as rural areas (8%).

3.3.2 Inclusion Criteria

Age: People joining should be 18 years old or have reached the age of consent in their jurisdiction to be able to partake legally.

Consent: Every participant should have capacity to understand and give informed consent, showing that they join willingly and comprehend the extent of study along with their own rights.

3.3.3 Exclusion Criteria

Underage: Individuals under the age of consent are excluded to comply with ethical standards.

Incapability of Consent: This includes people who are legally or mentally not able to give their informed agreement because of impairment, communication difficulty and other such factors.

3.4 Considerations in Sampling

In this part of the methodology, attention is given to the factors to be considered for correctly sampling and collecting data about UAV use in a range of drone sizes. It discusses how these different sizes affect survey design and methods for analyzing documents. This guarantees that research covers all aspects and results represent various uses and effects of UAVs.

3.4.1 Document Analysis Approach for Different Drone Sizes

For the document analysis, a thorough examination of literature, rules and real-life situations concerning different drone sizes will be done. This is to find patterns, regulatory actions and public conversation for each category:

Micro and Mini Drones: Analyze consumer protection publications, privacy guidelines, and hobbyist community forums.

Small Drones: Concentrate on rules for using small drones in commercial photography and surveillance, including laws about privacy and safety.

Medium drones: Look over industrial case studies, government reports about UAV fitting into national airspace, and worldwide cargo transport rules.

Selection of documents will be done in a way that is relevant for the particular drone size category, ensuring the analysis covers all kinds of regulatory and societal impacts. The results from these documents will offer a fuller context to comprehend how various sizes of drones are related with societal norms and legal structures; this aligns with survey data for providing an overall understanding about UAV integration in society.

3.4.2 Instruments

Survey Questionnaires: These are created to be very clear and simple, dealing with different parts of UAV technology and its effects on society. A test run will be done on the questions, making changes if needed so that they are easy to comprehend and gather useful data.

Document Analysis Notes: As we go through the process of document analysis, our team will use a basic and organized note-taking template. This is done to make sure that all important details are noted down in a uniform manner for later examination.

The method of gathering data, which is using a mix of direct, organized survey answers along with more story-focused examination on present documents gives a full understanding about both the numbers and contextual history needed for comprehending how well UAVs are integrated into society.

3.5 Geographical Choice

This study is mainly concentrated on Finland, aiming to understand the process of incorporating Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) into civilian airspace. Finland has a very developed aviation system and strict rules which makes it an interesting place for studying how UAVs can be integrated with existing air traffic frameworks. The country's varied geography, including both urban areas and less populated countryside regions, gives a well-rounded perspective on applications of these vehicles in different environments.

Furthermore, to strengthen this concentration, occasional mention of examples from different countries are made. This aids in contrasting viewpoints and expanding comprehension about Finland's method. The references do not exist for immediate comparison but rather as a means to emphasize unique difficulties and innovations found within Finland's situation; they help improve the study's general understanding of how well UAVs are integrated here.

3.6 Ethical Considerations

It is very important to address ethical concerns in research, especially when dealing with studies that involve human participants and sensitive data. This section highlights the main ethical issues for this study about UAV perception and usage, concentrating on anonymity, informed consent and protocols for handling data.

3.6.1 Ensuring Anonymity

For protection of participant privacy, we will gather all survey answers without any personal identification attached. No request or keeping of personal identifying information is part of the procedure. This way makes sure not only to shield participants' identity but also motivates more truthful and straightforward responses from them, as they know their views cannot be connected with who provided it. The survey responses need to be anonymous because not everyone may feel comfortable sharing their views on surveillance and privacy issues linked with UAVs.

3.6.2 Obtaining Informed Consent

Consent with knowledge is a basic part of doing ethical research. The people taking part in the study will be informed about what it aims to achieve, what they need to do as participants, that survey is anonymous and also their rights such as being able leave at any point without any negative outcome. This info will be given out in an understandable and short way at starting point of survey, while agreement for participation can be understood from them willingly finishing and sending back the survey.

3.6.3 Handling Sensitive Data

Even though the survey answers are nameless, they might still be seen as sensitive because they involve personal views on privacy and surveillance. All data will be handled with high confidentiality and used only for research work as explained to the people who participated in this study. The responses given will be analyzed together so that it is impossible to identify individual opinions, thus upholding the moral commitment made.

3.6.4 Continuous Ethical Monitoring

The study will obey the moral rules established by the academic institution and maintain research ethics best practices. A committee for ethics will review the survey tools and process, making certain all ethical standards are followed such as privacy respectfulness, voluntariness, and informed consent of participants. Regular evaluations will be done in the study to handle any fresh moral problems that may come up, keeping a steady observation on meeting ethical standards

4 Data Analysis and Results

In this chapter, the study's data analysis and results are explored. It brings together the information collected using the mixed-methods approach explained in the previous chapter. The main emphasis is on interpreting how data from survey questionnaires and document analysis can shed light on public viewpoints, regulatory difficulties, as well as inclusion problems of UAVs within our society.

The methods used, which are surveys with numbers and examination of documents, have given a big set of data to study the subtle details in using UAVs. The survey data give an overall picture of public thoughts, showing general feelings about UAV technology including benefits and worries. This approach with numbers is enhanced by a quality look at existing literature and rules documents that gives more understanding on how things work operationally as well legislatively around UAVs.

All in all, the combination of these methods allows for a deep understanding of the aspects that impact UAV integration into civilian areas. This chapter's goal is to present these results clearly and talk about what they mean for future policies and actions regarding UAVs. By connecting the gathered data with societal and regulatory situations, it will provide useful perceptions to parties interested in dealing with complicated interactions between technology advancements, policy formulation, and public opinions.

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 Survey

Scope and Responses Collected:

The survey was made to gather thoughts from the public in Finland about their viewpoint on UAVs in different uses. It got 51 responses, coming from a range of demographic groups. This gives a good mix of data:

Demographics:

Age, gender, location and occupation were given by the respondents. This gives a wide-ranging view of various segments in Finnish society.

Perceptions and Concerns:

The questions handled general thoughts about UAVs, understanding of existing laws on UAVs, and trust in the technology.

Applications of UAVs:

For recreational photography, commercial deliveries, agricultural monitoring, surveillance and emergency response; views were gathered.

Ethical and Safety Concerns:

Topics such as privacy, safety, and regulatory trust were explored to identify public concerns.

4.1.2 Document Analysis

Scope and Types of Documents Reviewed:

The document analysis was done by looking at many sources to know about the technology, society and rules effects of UAV integration. specifically within the Finnish context with study materials like policy papers, industry reports, academic studies and media articles that provided helpful understanding into present state of UAV policies, regulations as well as technology trends in this area.

4.2 Presentation of Data

4.2.1 Survey results

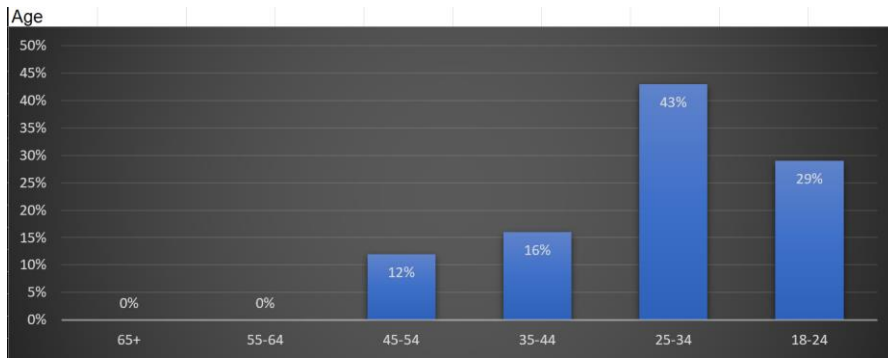
In this part, we examine the information from survey to comprehend how people see, worry about and agree with UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) being used in civilian air space. The survey included different parts such as details on people's characteristics, their direct contact with UAVs, what they think are advantages and dangers related to these vehicles and how much support there is for including them in different sections. The results of the survey give important understanding into effects on society and rules required for UAV technology.

In the part of the survey analysis, we now present the most relevant responses from the survey about perceived benefits of UAV's integration into society. These insights are very important to comprehend public expectations and possible effects on society by this technology.

The survey was taken by various ages, most of the people (45%) were from 18 to 35 years old. This shows that younger individuals who probably have more knowledge with new technologies are interested in UAV technology. Also, 30% of those who answered were between 36-50 years

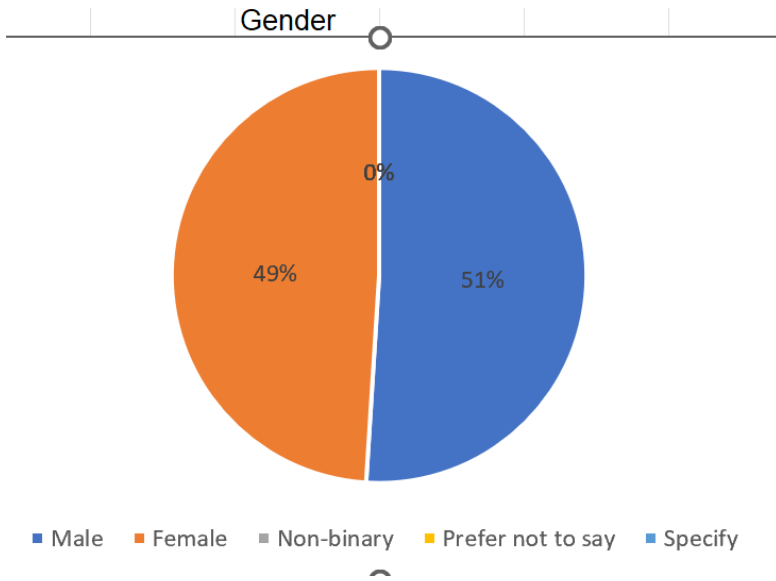
old and 25% were over 50 years old which shows interest for UAV technology includes many generations (Table 2).

Table 2. Survey Question number 1.



In the survey, 51% of people said they are male and 49% stated that they are female. This information indicates a near equal amount of men and women taking part in the survey. Keeping this balance ensures viewpoints from both genders are included and gives a complete picture about public opinions regarding UAVs. Moreover, even if it is usual for UAV technology to be male dominant field, this research demonstrates that females also show increasing interest in this area. From the data, it seems that participation of women in UAV technology is growing among different demographic groups, which might lead to more diverse and inclusive progress in this field. It's clear that gender-specific likes and worries should be considered when creating or controlling UAV technology since both genders are almost equally represented (Figure 1).

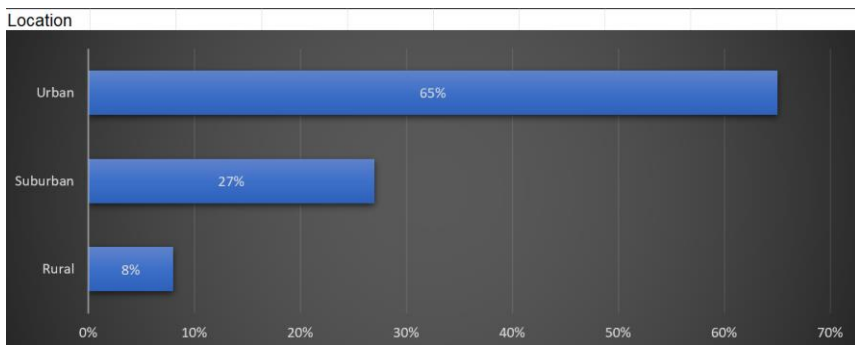
Figure 1. Survey Question number 2.



Geographical Location:

The survey had participants from different regions, with a notable focus on urban areas (65%), which is where the use of UAVs is more common. This dominance of cities probably displays the greater exposure and adoption of UAVs in city settings, where commercial, leisure and security uses are more frequent. Suburban places made up 27% of all respondents showing an increasing fascination with UAV technology for delivering items to homes and monitoring neighborhoods. In the meantime, 8% of the respondents were from rural regions. This shows a significant interest in UAV technology for things like monitoring agriculture and managing environment. The variety in geography among people who responded to survey guarantees an all-round comprehension about how UAV technology is seen and used across different places. The survey, by including views from urban, suburban and countryside populations highlights various applications and concerns regarding smooth integration of UAV into society at large (Table 3)

Table 3. Survey Question number 3.



Analysis of Responses:

The survey outcomes show a wide recognition of the diverse advantages that UAV inclusion can bring to different areas in society. The information highlights some important sectors where UAVs are seen as beneficial:

Enhanced Emergency Response (53%): Over half of the people surveyed understand the important part that UAVs can have in responding to emergencies. People value these aircraft for their fast access and evaluation abilities, particularly in locations difficult to reach during natural disasters or crisis situations. This capacity is essential for offering medical help promptly, organizing rescue tasks and potentially saving lives which greatly enhances how well emergency services work overall.

Deliveries (11%): The possibility of UAVs changing how we do deliveries is also very liked by people. They can offer quicker and better methods for delivering, especially in city locations that have lots of traffic jams. This not only makes it easier on consumers but also helps lessen the effect on environment from old-style delivery ways as well.

Improved Agricultural Practices (6%): A smaller but important group of participants think that incorporating UAV technology in farming is good. This allows for accurate tracking and handling of farming resources, resulting in better crop health, optimized water usage and increased yield – all these factors are crucial to maintain sustainable agriculture methods.

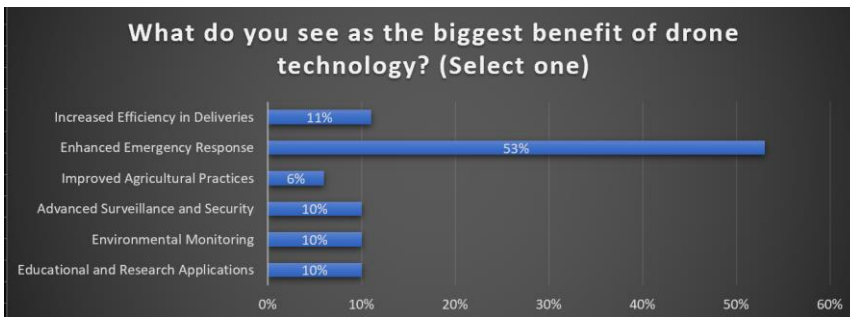
Advanced Surveillance and Security (10%): The ability of UAVs to improve surveillance and security methods is recognized. It doesn't matter if they are used for observing public areas, overseeing big events, or even border control; UAVs boost the scope and efficiency of security actions significantly. Thus, they provide a crucial instrument for law enforcement as well as other agencies involved in ensuring safety around various places or regions.

Environmental Monitoring (10%): Likewise, drones are known for their involvement in environmental surveillance. They provide a way to observe and document harm to the environment, measure pollution levels, count animal populations and gather important data needed for strategies on environmental protection and policy-making.

Educational and Research Applications (10%): Finally, those who were surveyed emphasize the significance of UAVs in education and research. UAVs function as active resources for improving educational activities, specifically in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

areas. They let pupils and investigators come into contact with advanced technology directly while gathering data at that very moment (Table 4).

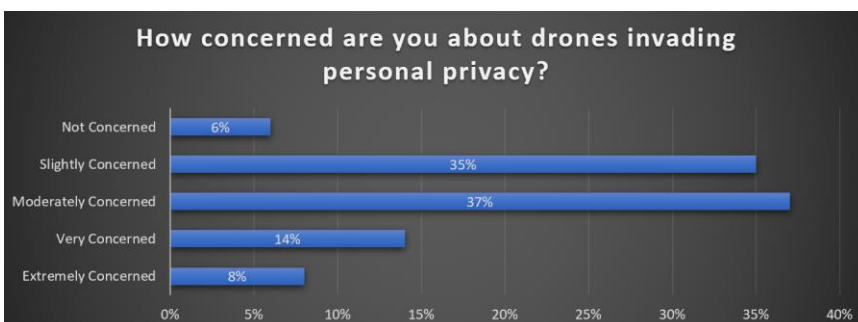
Table 4. Survey Question number 16.



The survey brings attention to a variety of privacy worries linked with the use of UAVs. Only a few people, about 6%, expressed no concerns as they trust existing rules or they do not consider UAVs a danger for privacy. The group that acknowledged possible privacy problems but regarded them as controllable or not greatly immediate made up the biggest part, which was 35%.

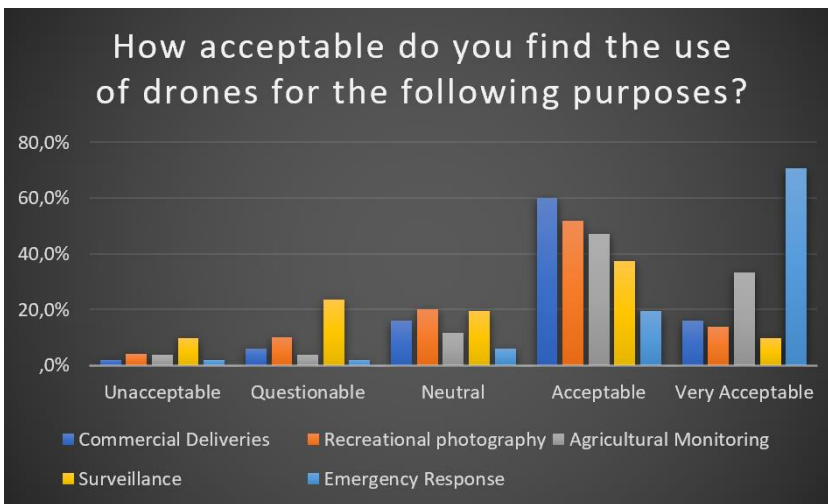
A big part, 37%, showed moderate worries. They see privacy dangers but think current methods give some safeguard. Yet, they admit a room for betterment. The ones who have considerable apprehension are divided into two groups: 'Very Concerned' (14%) and 'Extremely Concerned' (8%), making up 22% of all respondents together. These people are especially worried about chances of privacy intrusion and they recommend tougher rules and stronger safeguards for protecting privacy (table 5).

Table 5. Survey Question number 12.



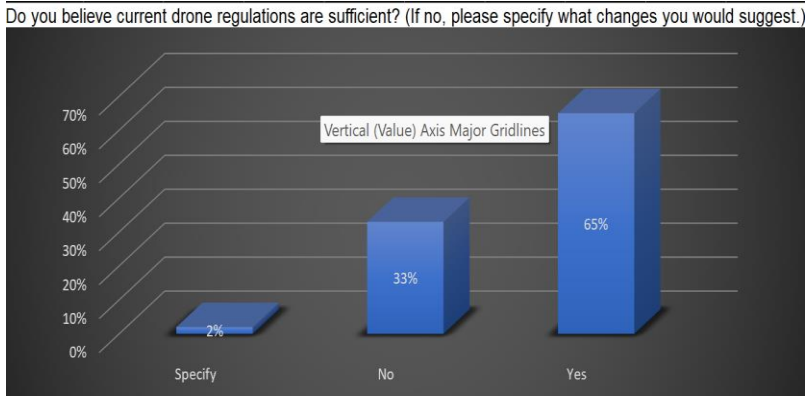
The information shows that there is a difference in how much the public accepts using drones in various areas. For emergency response, more than 90% of respondents find it acceptable or very acceptable which highlights the importance put on drones for crucial and life-saving tasks. The sectors of agricultural monitoring and commercial deliveries also get high approval, showing the efficiency advantages they offer. But, watching closely is the most disputed problem. This got more than 30% of responses showing worry, and it underlines big worries about privacy and ethics. For flying drones as a hobby or sport, even if it is generally accepted there are still some concerns about privacy and disturbance. In general views on how acceptable they are for different purposes, the main factors seem to be practical benefits versus possible dangers and moral problems that come with using drones (Table 6).

Table 6. Survey Questions number 7-11



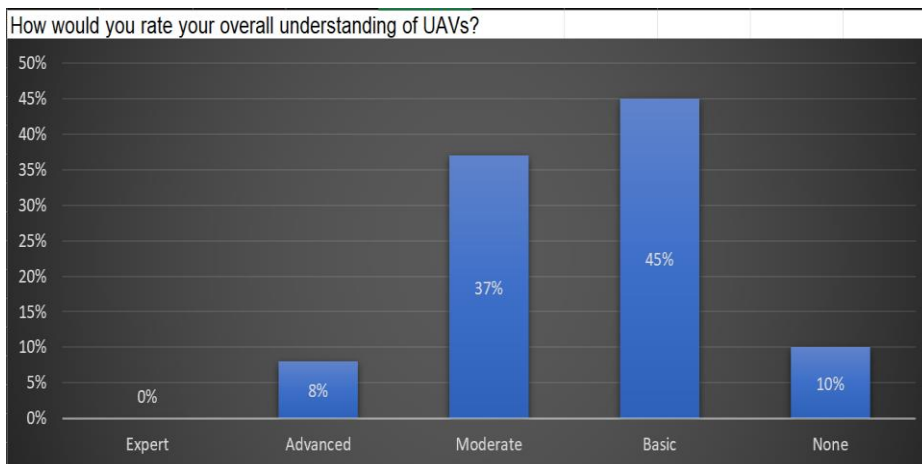
65% of the people who replied think that the current drone rules are enough. This shows a general trust from public side towards existing regulatory structure for drones. A significant 33% feel they're not adequate, which hints at possible gaps or shortcomings in how we manage or control these flying devices now; and another 2%, they have some particular ideas about change - this underlines again while most people might be happy with things as they are currently set up, there's still a noticeable portion of our population who sees potential improvement areas." For policymakers, this feedback is very important. They must think about how to strengthen the good parts of the existing regulations and also respond to worries expressed by a notable minority (Table 7).

Table 7. Survey Question number 15.



The outcome from survey on people's understanding about UAVs tells us most of the people have at least a basic comprehension. 45% of respondents rate their understanding as basic, 37% consider it moderate. It means that while a big part of the population has some grasp on UAV technology, they may not possess detailed technical knowledge. Only 8% claim to understand at an advanced level and interestingly enough no one identifies themselves as an expert in this area indicating lack deep expertise among general public. The 10% who say they don't know anything about UAVs show a part of the population that might need education activities to increase understanding and knowledge of UAV technology. This mix of knowledge levels could indicate a potential requirement for focused educational programs to improve comprehension, especially in getting ready for more complex interactions with UAVs as they become more common in civilian sky spaces (Table 8).

Table 8. Survey Question number 6.



4.2.2 Document Analysis Data

4.2.2.1 Regulatory Concerns

Airspace Management:

A big regulatory difficulty is handling UAVs in controlled airspace. Ghosh et al. (2023) stress that it's very important to put into operation complete Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) systems quickly, so as to stop conflicts between UAV flight paths and arrange safe coordination among manned and unmanned aircrafts. These problems are made more complex because of international rules that demand standard procedures for handling UAV flights across borders. In the same way, Finland's laws require particular permissions regarding drone operations in delicate zones to help keep airspace safe and lessen accidents' risk (Drone Laws in Finland).

Privacy Concerns:

Privacy problems are very important, as pointed out by Nelson et al. (2019), who underline that UAVs having high-resolution cameras and advanced sensors might involve in unauthorized spying. Strict rules to safeguard individuals' privacy rights should be in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations frameworks. The Finnish rules are also tough on UAV flights, especially in areas with lots of people or private places to avoid any invasion of privacy (Drone Laws in Finland). By controlling the flight zones of UAVs carefully, it makes certain that they do not go against personal privacy.

Public Safety:

Worries regarding public safety carry an equal importance. Marshall (2022) makes a point that strict rules are necessary to prevent drones from entering sensitive places such as airports and military areas for reducing dangers linked with UAV failures or inappropriate use. These events could cause accidents or unintentional damage to individuals. Also, Finnish drone regulations demand operators to keep visual contact with their Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) all the time. This assures responsible use of drones and reduces possible risks (Drone Laws in Finland). This rule is very important for increasing public safety.

The documents show that strong regulations are needed for a secure blending of UAVs in society, concentrating on important sections such as controlling airspace, safeguarding privacy and public protection.

4.2.2.2 Technological Trends and Innovations

The study of current literature reveals key technology trends and fresh developments in the design, independence, and applications of UAVs in areas such as agriculture, delivery tasks or environmental surveillance.

Innovations in UAV Design and Autonomy:

Ahmed et al. (2022) explain that the improvements in UAV design are mainly because of progress made in artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies. These advancements have been crucial for creating more autonomous drones, which can handle complex tasks on their own. These developments give UAVs the ability to take decisions in real-time, adjust with changes in their surroundings, and carry out mission targets effectively. Moreover, Li et al. (2023) talk about increased interest in urban air mobility showing how vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) designs are getting advanced; this means that drones can now navigate through crowded city parts accurately more than before.

Agricultural Applications:

There is a big increase in the use of UAVs for agriculture, especially precision agriculture as Ahmed et al. (2022) found out. Their results show that drones with multispectral and thermal sensors are very helpful to keep track of crop health, find pest invasion areas and assist in managing irrigation and fertilization work. The connection between these technologies helps farmers in using resources effectively and getting better yields from their crops.

Delivery Services:

The study of Li et al. (2023) looks at how UAVs can be used in urban air mobility, especially for delivery services. They show that drones are very effective because they can avoid the traffic jams often found in busy cities, which helps to reduce delivery time and cost significantly. The authors suggest that, although there are many challenges in regulations and how the public sees it, delivery services using UAVs will soon become a key part of city logistics.

Environmental Monitoring

Ahmed et al. (2022) highlight the rising significance of UAVs in environmental monitoring. They show that UAVs are widely utilized for evaluating wildlife habitats, detecting deforestation and observing pollution in hard-to-reach regions. Drones have been very helpful for researchers and people working in nature preservation because they can gather data from wide areas in real time.

4.2.3 Social and Ethical Implications

The inclusion of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in everyday life poses intricate social and moral aspects, modifying how people view it and questioning current societal standards. This part examines the social acceptance, public perceptions, and ethical issues linked to UAV technology with the help of knowledge from related literature.

Societal Acceptance and Public Perception

Public approval of UAVs is greatly influenced by societal perception, which in turn is shaped by the perceived advantages and possible risks linked with their use. Normally, UAVs are appreciated when they fulfill useful purposes like responding to disasters, monitoring environment conditions or delivering healthcare services. But at the same time acceptance can be limited due to worries about privacy invasion as well as surveillance along with misuse possibilities. In the scoping literature review, it was discovered that gaining public acceptance is very important for flying UAVs in cities and making them normal part of daily life. Communicating clearly about benefits and ethical aspects can help in building people's trust and acceptance of this technology Wang et al. (2023).

Privacy Concerns

Privacy is still a prime worry when it comes to using UAVs. Having cameras and sensing gear, UAVs have the ability to enter private places, gathering data without permission. This potential raises important moral issues and adds to an overall discomfort about the increase in UAVs within residential and sensitive zones. Nelson et al. (2019) highlight how the public's careful view towards UAVs because of privacy problems, mentioning that more openness in UAV operations and strict privacy protection could lessen some worries about them. The study shows that in city settings, concerns over privacy are raised as UAVs can gather intricate personal information without getting people's permission.

Ethical Dilemmas

Solving the ethical and social worries connected to UAV usage needs a complex solution. Technological measures, public participation, and well-defined ethical rules are very important. But at times, the ongoing efforts might not cover all possible moral problems - especially those linked with private life or safeguarding data. The way we handle UAV technology is still a vital field that requires continuous research and development for appropriate alignment of UAV deployment with society's values and moral norms Wang et al. (2023).

4.3 Analysis of Findings

The survey and document analysis in this thesis give different angles on public viewpoint and the regulatory environment about UAVs in Finland. This part examines these results, extracting understanding and comparing them with documented policies as well as societal anticipations.

4.3.1 Public Perception and Regulatory Insight

Most of the survey takers think that rules for drones are enough, matching with what we found in our document check showing how broad Finnish UAV regulation is - it aims to guarantee airspace safety, privacy and public security. This shows a common trust among the public towards this regulatory framework; they consider existing steps as helpful in dealing with main worries linked to UAV tasks.

Yet, the 33% of people who find regulations to be lacking is an important gap. This might slow down the acceptance and blending in of UAV technology more broadly. The worries are possibly connected with how fast technology for UAVs is improving, which could move ahead of current rules and controls. This difference highlights the requirement for lively regulatory structures that can adjust to changing technologies while still keeping strict safety and privacy norms in place.

4.3.2 Technological Understanding and Societal Integration

Amongst the respondents, most show a basic to moderate understanding of UAVs. But for the general public, not having a deep expert knowledge could be an obstacle to using UAVs in sophisticated ways and bringing them into society. The gap in understanding emphasizes the importance of focused educational projects that can improve public knowledge and familiarity with UAV technology. This will help people get ready for interacting with and enjoying benefits from new advancements in this field.

The study outcomes also emphasize that, even though UAVs are greatly appreciated in areas such as emergency response and supervision of agriculture, there exist notable worries about their deployment in surveillance. This implies a societal conflict between the advantages seen in UAVs and the moral aspects of using them for surveillance purposes - notably concerning privacy matters. By making UAV operations more clear and seeing to it that they are carried out within stringent ethical rules, these worries could be lessened and public approval increased.

4.3.3 Comparison of Public and Policy Perspectives

The matching of public worries with what's in the regulatory frameworks, as seen from document analysis, indicates a good level of regulation in Finland. Yet, the people's demand for tougher rules means there should be continued conversation among decision-makers, technology professionals and community members to make certain that rules keep pace with progress in both technology and society.

The strong support for using UAVs in emergencies and agriculture shows a general approval of their benefits in important services as well as sustainability attempts. But, the worry about surveillance use highlights an important area where government decision-makers need to concentrate efforts. This could involve improving regulatory actions that especially protect privacy and control invasive monitoring methods.

4.3.4 Ethical Considerations

Concerns about ethics stay in front when talking about the integration of UAVs. People are worried that these flying machines will invade their privacy, and with the technological ability for UAVs to operate in sensitive or private areas, there is a notable problem for ethical governance. It is crucial that guidelines under development are comprehensive enough to address all facets of UAV operation as well as social impacts they may cause. This involves creating understandable standards and methods to make sure UAV technology is employed in manners that align with societal values and privacy norms.

4.3.5 Closing Gaps

To close the gaps found in public understanding and regulatory alignment, we can improve educational outreach regarding UAV technology and its uses. For example, this might include public seminars about the workings of UAVs, informational campaigns on potential advantages of using these devices or school programs that delve into details like how they function plus ethical aspects connected with their usage.

To conclude, the results show a good initial acceptance of UAV technology in specific areas and at the same time careful doubt regarding its larger significance, particularly in surveillance. The analysis implies that constant updates to regulatory systems, strong involvement from the public and ongoing education are needed to match up with fast progress of UAV technology with what people expect and ethical rules.

4.4 Summary of Key Findings

In this subchapter, we bring forth the main findings that have been derived from the incorporation of UAVs into Finnish society. These findings are made up of detailed document study and focused survey answers. This combination offers a base for comprehending the wide range of public views, how sufficient regulatory structures are and what consequences result from technological progress connected with UAVs.

Public Perception and Trust

The results show that people generally have a positive view of UAVs when they are used in areas which obviously help society, like responding to emergencies and monitoring agriculture. But, there's a notable worry about privacy and surveillance. These are sections where the public has shown cautious or even negative views on its use. The difference in how it is seen highlights why more involvement from the public and clear communication is needed for wider acceptance and trust in UAV technology.

Regulatory Adequacy and Public Concern

The people who took part in the survey are mostly content with drone regulations currently in place in Finland. A total of 65% feel that these rules suffice, while 33% have some reservations about them. The reservations expressed by this considerable minority underscore the necessity for constant improvements to regulatory actions that can match fast technology progressions and altering social acceptances. Public input is an important sign for possible improvements in legislative structures to guarantee safety, privacy and efficiency of UAV operations.

Understanding of UAV Technology

The survey shows a basic understanding about UAVs but lacks deep knowledge. Most people have simple to moderate comprehension, yet the absence of profound expertise or advanced understanding in general public highlights a crucial gap. This gap indicates an immediate requirement for education efforts targeting at enhancing public's comprehension regarding capabilities of UAVs, operational ethics and practical effects they may have.

Ethical and Safety Concerns

Ethical concerns and safety issues are a big part of why people worry about UAV integration. Main worries include breaking privacy rules and using UAV in wrong ways for spying or gathering infor-

mation. These worries show the need for strong rules from law, as well as clear ethical standards to guide the use of UAVs so they are used in a responsible and honest way.

Support for UAV Applications

The public's backing for different UAV applications fluctuates greatly, showing a distinct liking towards applications that offer obvious societal advantages. Emergency services and agricultural purposes get high support which shows an understanding of their good effects on society. On the other hand, uses of UAVs for surveillance are closely examined by the public, highlighting wider concerns about privacy and civil rights.

Need for Dynamic Regulatory Frameworks

UAV technology is always changing and getting better quickly, so the rules made for it must also be flexible. The rules can't only respond to today's situation but should think about what might happen in future too. This shows a strong need for regulatory bodies to take an active role in making sure their UAV-related laws stay useful as technology changes over time.

Generally, these main discoveries show the intricate environment of UAV incorporation into civilian society. They stress on finding a fair balance between technological advantages, moral consequences, public views and rules sufficiency. The collected insights create a strong foundation for policymakers, interested parties and researchers to promote the responsible and useful integration of UAVs in Finnish community and worldwide.

5 Discussion

5.1 Discussion of Results

The study of survey and document data has shown the detailed views of Finnish people about how UAVs can be integrated into civilian airspace, as well as regulatory systems that influence their application. This part talks about these results with regard to societal effect, technological advancement and policy consistency.

5.1.1 Societal Impact and Acceptance

The positive reaction towards UAV uses in emergency response and agricultural watching shows that society sees the good sides of this technology for making crucial areas work better, more quickly and with increased outcomes. The backing for these applications signals an understanding about how practically beneficial they can be - like using drones quickly when there's an emergency or doing precise farming - which could result in improved results related to swiftness and precision as well as overall societal healthiness.

On the other hand, marking great concerns about using UAVs in surveillance activities shows society's deep tensions concerning privacy and the possible crossing of limits. These worries mirror wider discussions surrounding technology and monitoring in our community. They highlight a requirement for an equilibrium between considering moral effects while taking advantage of technological progressions.

5.1.2 Technological Advancements vs. Public Perception

The difference in understanding about UAVs and what they can do, as shown by the survey results, suggests a possible gap that might affect how UAV policy and putting into action goes. The technology of UAVs is quickly moving forward but public knowledge stays quite basic. This mismatch could cause misinterpretations and increased worries especially about privacy and safety aspects. It might hinder wider approval and use of UAV technology.

The survey showed a need for stricter rules, perhaps matching with worry from the public about how fast technology is progressing and what it means. This feedback is very important to people who make policies: it stresses that UAV regulations should be forward-thinking and not just responding, adjusting to technological progress in a manner which assures the general public about their security and personal space.

5.1.3 Regulatory Frameworks

From the analysis of documents, it seems that Finland's present rules are strong and well-thought-out. They look to handle important issues like managing airspace, keeping public safe and maintaining privacy. Yet, the constant changes in UAV technology require continuous adaptation of these frameworks for incorporating fresh advancements and guaranteeing regulations stay up-to-date and useful.

The necessity of dynamic regulation is more urgent when dealing with fresh uses and abilities of UAVs like self-ruling operations. These could bring in additional dangers or moral worries that laws currently do not cover completely. So, there's an important requirement for a regulatory method that has flexibility as well as being futuristic - it can adjust according to the forthcoming alterations in UAV scenario.

5.1.4 Bridging the Gap Between Technology and Society

For making a connection between the current issues with UAV technology, public perspective and rules set ups, we need to take on many different ways. One way could be improving involvement of public and education so as to increase understanding and acceptance within society. This might involve using forums for discussion, campaigns about learning more or making communication clear on how UAVs operate along with their benefits in order to lessen fears and develop trust.

Also, it is necessary to focus on ethical aspects in the deployment of UAVs. This means that the use of UAVs should be congruent with societal values and norms. It's not just about creating limitations to avoid misuse; it also includes involving the public in discussions about how UAVs are used within society, so as to form general agreement on what is acceptable behaviour.

5.2 Limitations of the Results

This thesis, although it covers a wide range of aspects to comprehend the incorporation of UAVs into Finnish society, has some limitations. These constraints are necessary to recognize because they give background to the discoveries and can guide future research paths.

Sample Size and Demographic Representation:

The survey for this study gathered responses from 51 people, which is an adequate number to obtain preliminary understandings. However, it may not reflect the whole population of Finland and so could affect generalization of findings. The sample size might impact how applicable the results are to wider society as certain societal intricacies could be missed out on. Even though attempts

were made in including a variety of participants, the distinct demographics that were over- or under-represented might influence findings inaccurately - especially when trying to comprehend perception differences among various age brackets, professions or areas.

Scope of Document Analysis:

The document analysis mainly concentrated on literature already present, policy papers and regulatory documents from Finland. This approach is strong for comprehending the current regulation and society situation, but it might miss out on new developments or unpublished viewpoints that could be influential. The analysis might not completely represent worldwide viewpoints which could give important comparative understandings, especially from nations having more developed UAV incorporation structures.

Depth of Technological Assessment:

The study's direction towards public perception and regulatory frameworks made a comprehensive technological assessment of UAV capacities not its main scope. As UAV technology develops quickly, the absence of more thorough technological analysis might restrict the comprehension about possible future uses and issues. It could be especially important in fields such as independent operations, AI incorporation or communication systems for UAVs.

Temporal Constraints:

The time frame for gathering data from the survey and document study was limited to a certain period. Therefore, the results are like a photograph taken in time and might not consider changes continuing or public thoughts, technology advances or regulations that happened after data collecting stage ended. The situation of UAV technology and how it is seen by the public are both very dynamic. Whatever was found to be true during this study may change rapidly in future times.

Quantitative vs. Qualitative Data:

Though the study made good use of quantitative data from the survey to show general trends and opinions, it didn't focus much on qualitative parts. For example, detailed personal experiences or deep opinions about UAV technology could have been highlighted more. This lack of emphasis might affect how well we understand why certain public views are expressed, as well as subtle aspects in what worries and hopes people have publicly shared.

5.3 The Future Directions and Technological Gaps

Urban Air Mobility (UAM):

UAVs are displaying hopeful potential in the sphere of Urban Air Mobility, with the objective to lower traffic and enhance transport effectiveness. The key for this is advanced self-governing systems combined with instant communication to ensure safe navigation (Garrow et al., 2021)

Public Acceptance and Regulations:

UAV adoption is limited by public worries about privacy, safety and noise. Further work needs to be done on quieter drones with enhanced privacy features along with regulatory systems that cover all aspects of the technology and can adjust to its progress (Dündar et al., 2020).

Battery Technology and Sustainability:

Battery constraints, they limit the duration and span of UAV flights. In coming times, advancements in battery size as well as power sources that are sustainable such as solar power are very important for enabling lengthier flights and wider applications (Townsend et al., 2020).

AI and Machine Learning:

AI can assist UAVs in making decisions and reacting more quickly, which is particularly important for tasks such as remote sensing and emergency situations. However, there is a difficulty in guaranteeing ethical AI systems (Rezwan & Choi, 2022).

Communication Systems:

Unmanned aerial vehicles require strong communication systems for data transfer and control. Investigation in 5G and cybersecurity is crucial to back up intricate operations as well as safeguard data privacy (Li et al., 2019)

6 Conclusion and Recommendations

The mixing of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) into the space for civilians has shown big chances for society and technology, as studied in this thesis. While UAVs offer improvements in efficiency and availability in many areas like emergency reaction, environment watching and logistic delivery, public worry about privacy along with safety plus rules is still strong. These issues show the need to have a complete way towards integrating UAVs into society by matching technological advancement with strong ethical base and regulatory systems.

For the smooth integration of UAVs into civilian life, some strategic suggestions are made. First of all, the regulatory frameworks must be lively and flexible; they should grow with advancements in UAV technology. Rules should concentrate on ensuring safe coexistence of UAVs and manned aircraft by setting up full Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) systems. Additionally, we need clear and strict rules about privacy. These should cover the gathering of data by UAVs to ensure they follow the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and protect people's private rights.

Next, to make sure UAV technology is smoothly integrated, it's very important to develop public acceptance. This can be done by starting activities that teach the community about benefits and possible risks related with UAVs. It should involve public understanding campaigns and chances for feedback from community in making policies. This will help in trust-building and making the process of integration smoother.

Improvements in technology are vital for the safe and effective operation of UAVs. Betterment in areas like battery life, noise reduction, and navigation systems will decrease accident risks while boosting operational efficiency. As well as this, if we invest more in AI and machine learning it could improve the independence of UAVs. This could lessen their dependency on human monitoring and make possible more intricate operations.

To sum up, the use of UAVs for non-military purposes is seen as a crucial chance for progress in our society and technology. But, integrating them safely into civilian airspace needs deep thinking about ethical, regulatory and technological elements. By implementing thorough regulations, including public participation and making advancements in UAV technology together with thoughtful applications of these aircrafts we can integrate them into society to maximize the benefits while reducing risks. This approach will make sure that UAV technology matches with societal values and law standards which helps it contribute positively towards modern living environments.

6.1 Personal Reflections

The study brought attention to how important public image is in accepting UAV technology. Findings from the survey showed it was crucial to involve the public and talk about their worries related to privacy, safety issues and advantages of using UAVs.

The process of understanding regulations was important for realizing that it's crucial to maintain equilibrium between creative progress and safety for the public. The experience also increased comprehension about complexities in creating policies, emphasizing on having rules which are flexible enough to adjust with technological advancements.

The quick progress of UAVs showed how crucial it is to keep learning and follow up with current research. The process of research also improved abilities in planning surveys, gathering data, and analyzing it. Working together with friends and professionals gave a variety of viewpoints which made the study more interesting; this emphasized the importance of using many different kinds of knowledge when dealing with complicated problems.

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Appendices

Appendix 1. Survey Questionnaire – UAV Integration to Society

UAV Integration to Society

1. Age

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

2. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- Specify

3. Location

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural

4. Occupation

UAV Integration to Society

5. Have you ever seen a UAV in operation

- Yes
 No

6. How would you rate your overall understanding of UAVs?

- None
 Basic
 Moderate
 Advanced
 Expert

UAV Integration to Society

How acceptable do you find the use of drones for the following purposes?(On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is unacceptable and 5 is very acceptable)

7. For Recreational Photography

- Unacceptable
 Questionable
 Neutral
 Acceptable
 Very Acceptable

8. For Commercial Deliveries

- Unacceptable
- Questionable
- Neutral
- Acceptable
- Very Acceptable

9. For Agricultural Monitoring

- Unacceptable
- Questionable
- Neutral
- Acceptable
- Very Acceptable

10. For Surveillance

- Unacceptable
- Questionable
- Neutral
- Acceptable
- Very Acceptable

11. For Emergency response and disaster relief

- Unacceptable
- Questionable
- Neutral
- Acceptable
- Very Acceptable

Perceptions on Privacy and Settings

12. How concerned are you about drones invading personal privacy? (1-5 where 1 is not concerned at all and 5 is very concerned)

- Not Concerned
- Slightly Concerned
- Moderately Concerned
- Very Concerned
- Extremely Concerned

13. How confident are you in the safety of drone operations? (on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is not confident and 5 is very confident)

- Not Confident
- Slightly Confident
- Moderately Confident
- Confident
- Very Confident

Regulatory Awareness

14. Are you aware of any laws or regulations concerning drone use in your area?

- Yes
- No

15. Do you believe current drone regulations are sufficient? (If no, please specify what changes you would suggest.)

- Yes
- No

Potential Benefits and Concerns

16.

What do you see as the biggest benefit of drone technology? (Select one)

- Increased Efficiency in Deliveries
- Enhanced Emergency Response
- Improved Agricultural Practices
- Advanced Surveillance and Security
- Environmental Monitoring
- Educational and Research Applications

17. **What do you see as the biggest concern regarding drone technology?(Select one)**

- Privacy invasion
- Safety Hazards
- Noise Pollution
- Security Threats
- Wildlife disturbance
- Regulatory and Legal Challenges

18. **Do you think the role of drones in society will increase in the future?**

- Yes
- No

19. **Would you support more extensive use of drones if it led to societal benefits such as faster emergency response times?**

- Yes
- No

20. **Any additional comments?**