JPM718: Presentation Handout

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Reading's Title: Lethal visions: The eye as function of the weapon

1. Summary of the Reading

The article is about the perception of the eye as a part of a weapon. The focus is on the increasing

efficiency and accuracy of weapon systems, which are a kind of improvement of the human body, but

at the same time result in the weaponization of the human body, in this particular case the eye. In the

future, man can thus be more of an accessory to warring advanced systems and machines.

2. Critical Analysis

Strong points undoubtedly include the clear delineation of the four basic orders of targeting – aiming,

ranging, tracking, guiding. Their meaning is described in detail and their development is described with

an emphasis on mutual connection with the human body. The only weakness, in my opinion, is the lack

of appreciation or reminder that even the most modern weapons are designed and built by humans and

therefore humans are not just their accessory, as mentioned in the conclusion.

3. Relation to the Main Reading

Both articles deal with the connection between people and technology. The main article talks about the

so-called virtualization and the phenomena associated with it, which have many positive but also

negative impacts. Like Bousquet in Lethal Visions, he focuses on what role man plays and whether he

is ready to accept new technologies and use them for good purposes.