

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 138)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction.

Not because Iraq was involved in 9/11.

Not because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

US military dead: 3,901 US military wounded: 28,711

Iraqi civilians killed: 87,304* Money spent on war: \$490 billion

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “*Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,*” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The *Stand Up* make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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It's a New Year, But the Same Old War

By Chuck Zlatkin

Before 2007 ended, thanks to the cooperation of the Democratic Party, another \$70 billion was given to George W. Bush to wage war and occupy countries without any constraints.

Are we outraged? Are we concerned? Or are we too busy discussing the nuances between Hillary and Obama? Or are we spending our energies convincing ourselves that John Edwards is now against the war? In any event, the war continues.

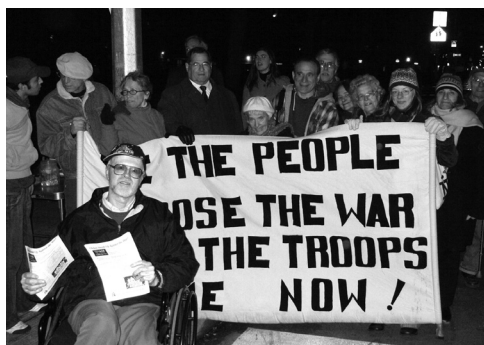
We might have been better off if when she got into power Nancy Pelosi took funding for the Iraq war off the table and left impeachment on it.

While all of the NY congressional delegation voted against the funding, the fact remains that it wouldn't have passed without Democratic votes. The tally in the House was 272-142 in favor, with only one Republican voting against, while 87 Democrats voted for unconditional funding of the war. Some of the Democrats who voted for more war funding included John Murtha, Steny Hoyer, and Rahm Emanuel.

The U. S. Senate, with its Democratic majority, voted 70-25 in favor of fully funding the Iraq war through 2008, despite the fact that they had vowed only weeks ago to withhold any Iraq-specific money unless strict timelines for troop withdrawal were established.

The people want action. The people want their representatives to end the war, bring the troops home and hold accountable those who created this illegal and immoral war. Opposition to the war and occupation of Iraq must be the issue.

Photo by Ian Zlatkin



Representative Jerrold Nadler (8th CD), who represents Chelsea in Congress, joined the Stand Up on 12/19/06.