

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

1/4/11

(Standup Week 295)

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?

In Iraq

US military dead: **4,429**
US military wounded: **32,937**
Iraqi civilians killed: **108,430***
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,445**
US military wounded: **9,885**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,272**
Money spent on war: **\$381 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 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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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The Longest War in American History Continues into 2011

By Chuck Zlatkin

It is the first week in 2011 and the wars continue. In Afghanistan, 2010 was the worst year. It saw a record death toll among American troops, Afghan civilians, and allied troops. Since the 2001 U.S. led invasion of Afghanistan more than 34,000 Afghan civilians have been killed. More than half of the U. S. military deaths in Afghanistan (over 800 troops) have occurred during the presidency of Barack Obama, in what now is the longest war in American history.

The International Red Cross reported that the situation in Afghanistan has deteriorated to its worst point for aid workers in 30 years. Violence in Afghanistan is at its worst since the Taliban were overthrown more than nine years ago, with record casualties on all sides of the conflict. Almost 700 foreign troops have died in 2010 alone, by far the bloodiest year of the war.

But ordinary Afghans have borne the brunt of the fighting. According to U.N. figures, 1,271 civilians were killed in the first six months of this year, 21 percent more than in the same period in 2009. Most of those deaths were blamed on insurgents.

The ICRC has also reported a spike this year in the number of patients with war wounds admitted to the main hospital it supports in southern Kandahar.

President Obama was telling the American troops, “Because of the progress we’re making, we look forward to a new phase next year, the beginning of the transition to Afghan responsibility.”

Cables revealed by Wikileaks showed how widespread fraud and corruption was in the Karzai government in Afghanistan. The IRCRC believes that the situation will be worse in 2011.



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