

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 139)

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: 3,910 US military wounded: 28,882

Iraqi civilians killed: 87,741* Money spent on war: \$492 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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End the war this year, not next

By Chuck Zlatkin

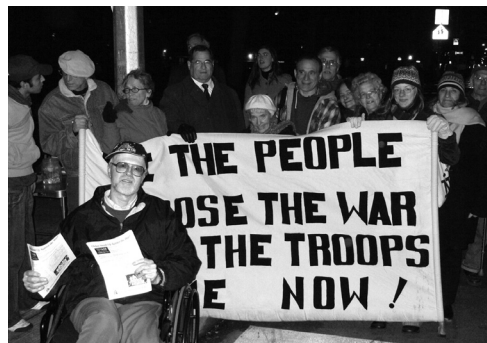
Both political parties are in agreement that the war and occupation in Iraq should continue being financed through 2008 at least. That's why they voted another \$70 billion for the war in December. Republican candidates for president, with the lone exception of Ron Paul, want to continue the war until there is a victory, no matter the cost in lives or dollars. Democrats tell us that the best way to end the war is to elect them president. Sounds like a repeat of November 2006 when we were told that the best way to end the war would be to elect a Democratic majority in the House and Senate.

In Iowa, over a dozen anti-war activists were arrested in the offices of Mike Huckabee, Barack Obama, and Mitt Romney. Frank Cordero a member of the Des Moines Catholic Worker said of the protest, “Well, we tried to interject the war into the issues of the presidential candidates...there's no difference between Hillary and Obama and/or Edwards...they're all about managing the war. They're all about keeping the empire afloat. And we were simply trying to interject into the public arena...a real discussion about this war, about this country's standing in the world, about us being an empire, and about us being an outlaw nation.”

It is clear that relying solely upon the electoral process to end this war may be shortsighted.

Consider getting more involved in anti-war protest. Petitioning, demonstrations, direct action, non-violent civil disobedience, boycotts, tax resistance are all part of our proud anti-war tradition in America.

Photo by Ian Zlatkin



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