

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

1/11/11

(Standup Week 296)

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: **4,432**  
US military wounded: **32,943**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **108,457\***  
Money spent on war: **\$756 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,446**  
US military wounded: **9,971**  
Afghani civilians killed: **16,289**  
Money spent on war: **\$382 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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## “Cry out against the complicity between politicians and economic and financial powers”

By Richard Chilton

In 1776 Thomas Paine galvanized the American British Colonies with “Common Sense,” a 77 page polemic trumpeting a total break with history, asserting independence from British identity and rule, and arguing that “(t)he cause of America is, in a great measure, the cause of all mankind,” articulating more specifically than before in print the concept of a “Manifest Destiny”—and the roots of empire—for the emerging nation-state.

“...but of a continent,” Paine wrote, “of at least one eighth part of the habitable globe.”

Nearly two and a half centuries later a similar, 29 page tract again advocating a total break with history has appeared in France. Written by a 93 year old diplomat who spent years in a Nazi concentration camp for being in the Resistance, Stéphane Hessel’s “Indignant You!” (2010) declares:

“They dare to tell us that the State can no longer afford policies to support its citizens. But how can money be lacking...when the production of wealth has enormously increased...The only explanation is that the power of money...has never been so great or so insolent or so selfish and that its servants are placed in the highest reaches of the State...a crisis which can only be resolved by a radical shift away from the ‘ever more,’ in the world of finance but also in science and technology. It is high time that ethics, justice and a sustainable balance prevailed...Cry out against the complicity between politicians and economic and financial powers.”



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