

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

1/13/09

(Standup Week 192)

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: 4,224 US military wounded: 30,934

Iraqi civilians killed: 98,560* Money spent on war: \$590 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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Obama's Legacy

By Richard Chilton

The election of Barack Obama as president of the United States vindicates constitutionally the legal tenet of an integrated Negro Class, first codified into federal law by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision of Plessy vs. Ferguson (1890) as a “separate but equal” class, ushering in the so-called “Jim Crow” era that ended with the civil rights legislation of the 1960's. Derived from the original eight indentured servants who landed at Jamestown, Virginia in 1607, this Negro Class emerged first as property owners and thus, “freedmen” as early as 1640, the existence of which from that time to today demonstrating emphatically that property rights do not assure or guarantee either cultural social mobility or the full exercise of political rights, without further agitation by the dispossessed class.

By the mid-21st Century, then, class will have replaced “race” as the predominant cultural marker used to justify residual inequality in America. In the past, race has been a euphemism for “class” similar to the phrase “free market capitalism” used in our time as a ruse for the actual “permanent war economy” operative in the U.S. since World War II.

Obama's 2009 “Economic Recovery Plan”, crippled by tax cuts, is as ineffectual an economic stimulus for the current Depression as his proposed Iraqi War drawdown simply transfers the troops to the “Afghanistan front;” both actions continue rather than reverse the inertia of corporate personhood and the congressionally-induced, bipartisan-supported, Cold-War-era-driven secret U.S. Government.

True “Change for America” means legislating an end to corporate personhood while repealing the laws harboring the permanent war economy.



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