

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

1/19/10

(Standup Week 245)

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: **4,373**
US military wounded: **31,613**
Iraqi civilians killed: **103,653***
Money spent on war: **\$719 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **962**
US military wounded: **9,496**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,077**
Money spent on war: **\$237 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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Same old, same old

By Sarah Durand

The cover of the current Village Voice depicts President Obama shedding his skin to reveal George Bush underneath. Horror over the illustration’s truth is sinking in. But, asks journalist Nat Hentoff, “Do you give a damn?” to do something—anything?

While war spreads to engulf Pakistan and Yemen and occupation continues in Iraq, and prisoners (unindicted torture victims) remain at Guantanamo—the monstrous apparatus of violence grown and developed with our tax dollars is turning towards Iran.

On October 1st Pentagon Policy Chief Michele Flournoy announced that 30 ground based interceptor missiles would be deployed in Alaska and California in 2010: “They will provide the United States with full protection of the homeland from an Iranian ICBM threat.” She referred to this “threat” from intercontinental missiles as “potential” and “future.” Concurrently, the UN Security Council was extracting concessions from Iran’s negotiator to allow its entire nuclear operations to be available for IAEA inspections. On September 29th Richard Cohen of the Washington Post dismissed Iran’s claims that its nuclear energy program was for domestic purposes: “Those Persians lie like a rug.”

On October 1st a Reuters dispatch noted the arrival, in the eastern Mediterranean, of U.S. Navy ships equipped with Aegis missile interceptors to counter “Iranian short and medium range missiles,” thereby providing a supposedly necessary shield for Israel. And in Israel, reports Defense News (1/11/10), the US Army will double the value of emergency military equipment it stockpiles.

War mongering, disinformation, racism and supposed weapons of mass destruction—remind you of something?



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