

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

1/25/11

(Standup Week 298)

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: **4,435**
US military wounded: **32,965**
Iraqi civilians killed: **108,501***
Money spent on war: **\$761 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,461**
US military wounded: **10,140**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,318**
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+

Pardon Bradley Manning and Julian Assange

By Randy Petsche

Two brave whistle blowers now face the wrath of the American political class for merely exposing documents about its foreign policy. Julian Assange, the Wikileaks spokesman, is now under house arrest in England where he may be deported to Sweden on questionable criminal charges. In turn, craven Swedish prosecutors are likely to deport him to the United States where he faces life imprisonment and probable torture for providing the public with information about the unsavory practices of American diplomacy.

Bradley Manning, the brave soldier who allegedly transmitted several hundred thousand documents to Wikileaks is now in solitary confinement in a military stockade where the government is trying to extort a confession and testimony that will incriminate Assange.

During World War I President Woodrow Wilson announced his famous Fourteen Points as a goal of the American war effort. Point One was that there would be “no private international understandings of any kind but diplomacy shall proceed always frankly and in the public view.” Without a free flow of information the foreign affairs of the American national security state will remain forever shrouded in secrecy and propaganda.

President Obama has all the power he needs to halt the mockery of justice and promote open diplomacy. He can order his Attorney General off the case and issue blanket pardons to Assange and Manning. You can write President Obama at WhiteHouse.gov and tell him to issue executive clemency to Bradley Manning and Julian Assange.



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