

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

1/26/10

(Standup Week 246)

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: **4,374**
US military wounded: **31,633**
Iraqi civilians killed: **103,819***
Money spent on war: **\$721 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **970**
US military wounded: **9,496**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,081**
Money spent on war: **\$238tt 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+

The State of the Union—“Yesterday Country” Health Care, the Economy and the Wars

By Richard Chilton

“You have to decide if you want us to be a tomorrow country or a yesterday country”—former President Bill Clinton (1.17.2010)

Following Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s 2007 lead taking impeachment of the George W. Bush Administration “off the table,” President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party as a whole have chosen the “pragmatism” of political power over “Yes, We Can.”

The body politic may re-vote Republican, shown by U.S. Senate-elect Scott Brown in Massachusetts. With laws, including the Patriot Act, still existent, such revotes effectively turns the Federal Constitution on its head, yet: Who else IS there in Washington but Republicrats? Corrupting influences of judicially-sanctioned, bipartisan-implemented, politically-paid campaigns of corporate personhood have already placed a strangle hold on the capacity for voters to have any choice at all.

At a \$2.4 trillion dollar annual cost—16% of the Gross Domestic Product (2009)—overshadowed only by the cost of endless wars and their debt service, the debate over private/public health care (the latter first proposed by Theodore Roosevelt in 1912) is key to 21st Century structural socio-economic and political change in America.



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