

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

2/8/11

(Standup Week 300)

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: **4,436**
US military wounded: **32,973**
Iraqi civilians killed: **108,782***
Money spent on war: **\$765 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,472**
US military wounded: **10,264**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,328**
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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Invitation To A Revolution

By Jacqueline Schoenhaus-Barnett

“Mubarak is Our Berlin Wall,” is the way an Egyptian-born columnist and commentator, Mona Eltahawy, has described the current uprising in Egypt. Thinking back to 1989 and the expressions of jubilation on the faces of young people who had triumphed in their toppling of a police state, one cannot help but make comparisons to the recent uprisings in Egypt, where young people are once again rising up against a repressive regime.

In this case it was social media such as Twitter and Facebook that were the main organizing tools to galvanize a majority of the population under the age of 30. These young people were no longer the passive recipients of state dogma, but were active in a process of self-education ultimately culminating in an “Invitation to a Revolution” on Facebook. As in Eastern Bloc countries, Egyptians, who had been starved for information due to years of isolationism, was an apathetic population suddenly come to life. So, while radical political organizations may spend endless time and money strategizing in order to convince people of their ideologies in the hopes that it will produce significant actions and change, the most effective organizing tool appears to be awareness of the existing possibilities in other parts of the world. It seems very ironic that the United States, who has helped to keep Mubarak in office for the last 30 years, and is also the progenitor of the military-industrial complex, is the same country who invented the social networking devices that have spawned the growing grass-roots movement which is currently crying out for democratic elections and an end to autocratic dictatorships.



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