

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 144)

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: 3,959 US military wounded: 29,092**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 88,479\* Money spent on war: \$504 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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## Bush: Enemy of terrorism. Or friend?

By Sarah Durand

President Bush, proclaimed leader of the War on Terror, has proclaimed he can ignore a new law banning use of taxpayer money for permanent U.S. bases in Iraq. The ban is part of the new National Defense Authorization Act. Hours after signing the bill, Bush issued a signing statement asserting his right to ignore the ban.

Has the Democratic leadership protested loudly? Any calls for impeachment? Where are Hillary and Barak? If the Democrats won't direct a fundamentally new course in U.S. foreign policy, who can?

A book went on sale this week titled “The Commission: The Uncensored History of the 9/11 Investigation,” by New York Times investigative reporter Philip Shenon. The Bush Administration fought against the formation of an investigative commission. When Bush and company lost the fight, Bush appointed Philip Zelikow to head it. Why Zelikow? Shenon tells us: Zelikow, a friend and co-author of Condoleezza Rice, worked to direct the investigation away from the Administration.

9/11 is the foundation of the War on Terror – of endless war. What if assumptions about 9/11 are false? Was there involvement of the Administration in this event that proved so useful to its agenda? Demand an independent investigation by signing the petition for a ballot initiative. Even Shenon, when asked why the Commission report never even mentioned WTC 7, has no answer.

