

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 198)

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: 4,427 US military wounded: 31,054

Iraqi civilians killed: 99,077 * Money spent on war: \$602 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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Say No To 17,000 More Troops in Afghanistan

By Chuck Zlatkin

The call when “Chelsea Stands Up Against The War” began in 2005 was to end the war immediately and bring the troops home safely, but President Obama is extending the war with 17,000 more troops heading off to Afghanistan.

History has shown that the Vietnam War began with the contrived Gulf of Tonkin incident and that Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11. At MichaelParenti.org, Parenti has posted an article entitled “Afghanistan, Another Untold Story.” He suggests that, “Before sinking any deeper into that quagmire, we might do well to learn something about recent Afghani history and the role played by the United States.”

Parenti points out that more than 20 years before 9/11 the U.S. was knee-deep in Afghanistan, helping to defeat a new government under the leadership of Noor Mohammed Taraki, a poet and novelist. Taraki had “proceeded to legalize labor unions, and set up a minimum wage, a progressive income tax, a literacy campaign, and programs that gave ordinary people greater access to health care, housing, and public sanitation.” It was a true progressive government that drew the attention of the U.S. “national Securitys apparatus, well aware of the region’s oil and natural gas reserves.

Hafizulla Amin, a CIA asset, led a military coup, executed Taraki, killed, imprisoned, or drove into exile thousands of Taraki’s supporters. Amin was then ousted by his own military throwing the country into chaos. Afghanistan was never the same. This all took place before the Soviet Union entered the country.

Neither Afghanistan nor the United States needs this escalation of war, call the White House comments line at 202-456-1111 and say “no” to President Obama on sending of 17,000 more troops to Afghanistan.



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