

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

3/3/09

(Standup Week 199)

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: 4,253 US military wounded: 31,089

Iraqi civilians killed: 99,180* Money spent on war: \$604 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+

How to End the Pakistan/Afghanistan War

By Richard Chilton

“It amazes me...how little commentary...(on)...the massive US investment in the Iraq War was the real trigger—even more so than the mortgage crisis...”

“The Field—Al Giordano Reports the United States,” 2.26.09

The imposition of shariah (Islamic) law as appeasement to Taliban-pressured portions of Pakistan by an unstable and weakened Pakistani government denotes the improbability of a United States imposed/NATO-agreed-to military solution in the Pakistani/Afghanistan war.

According to a report from the Cable News Network (CNN 2.17.09), “Provincial minister Amir Haider Hoti said the people of the region want shariah which fills the ‘vacuum’ left by a lack of access to Pakistan’s judicial system.” Other news dispatches disputed the claim of Minister Hoti that local residents prefer shariah over lack of judicial access. But what if the U.S. had provided help for Pakistanis to have received such access in the first place?

A total of \$11.1 billion dollars in all forms has been given to Pakistan by the U.S since 1953; of this amount \$8.4 billion went solely for military aid, \$7.9 billion since 9.11.01 alone, with \$5.8 billion provided to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas bordering Afghanistan—a major front in the so-called war on terror—98% spent for “defense.”



Photo by Gary Schochet



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