

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 252)

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: **4,380**  
US military wounded: **31,706**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **104,257\***  
Money spent on war: **\$733 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,015**  
US military wounded: **9,472**  
Afghani civilians killed: **15,219**  
Money spent on war: **\$244 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+



## Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War

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## We are all victims of war

By Sarah Durand

Last Thursday, as students and teachers protested de-funding of public education across the country, the president of the faculty/staff union of the City University of NY (CUNY) spoke to protesters in front of the governor’s office: “CUNY and SUNY have been cut proportionately more than any other state agency in New York. ...What does that tell us? That someone has an agenda of your not getting an education, not getting a first-rate education. We have to change that political agenda, said Barbara Bowen.

What is the political agenda? Look to the president’s State of the Union address. The president proposed a spending freeze on “discretionary” items such as education, environmental regulation, clean-energy initiatives, and food and drug safety—but no freeze on military spending.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader recently observed that the National Highway Safety—Traffic Safety Administration budget and staff have been severely cut and it has been left without a single engineer specializing in current electronic mechanical systems. President Obama has proposed cutting \$8 million from the NHTSA’s \$140 million budget. However, the president will maintain the yearly \$675 million of taxpayer money to guard the embassy in Iraq, constructed in the wake of a criminal war of aggression.

The Pentagon, its contractors, and the fossil fuel industry derive great financial benefits from war. War’s victims? They are not only the citizens of the countries under military occupation and young men and women of the U.S. armed forces. The victims are us.



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