

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 253)

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: **4,382**
US military wounded: **31,706**
Iraqi civilians killed: **104,304***
Money spent on war: **\$735 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,020**
US military wounded: **9,472**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,279**
Money spent on war: **\$245 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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To Stop These Wars

By Richard Chilton

“The only way to peace is through the people.”

—Cindy Sheehan

A century has now passed since talk of universal health care was first proposed. The Equal Rights Amendment for women has yet to be ratified. And corporate personhood, which got its biggest legal boost in 100 years from the United States Supreme Court two months ago, threatens the viability of the planet itself.

All these civil matters are held hostage by the permanent war economy, a patch quilt political construction of economically driven investor, academic, and labor interests stemming from World War II. The lie perpetuated upon Americans is that our postwar cycles of Boom/Bust is fueled by a consumer-driven civilian economy, but this \$14 trillion economy only exists through government’s subsidizing of war.

Officially, the Afghanistan/Iraq wars have cost nearly a trillion dollars but the real cost is closer to \$4 trillion: two 21st Century wars, and much of that immediate money was borrowed and if we add on the debt service of all the 20th Century wars—none of which has been paid—we easily see that the National Debt the Republicans and fiscal conservatives rail about is due to wars, **NOT** “entitlements.”

This week Cindy Sheehan begins a dramatic campaign to stop these wars through militant agitation and non-violent civil resistance, an ongoing Peace of the Action **CAMP OUT NOW!** in Washington, D.C. Chelsea Neighbors co-sponsored a local fundraiser held March 7th. To **STOP THESE WARS** we need **CAMP OUT NOWS!** opposite every Congressional district office in the country.



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