

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 149)

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: 3,988 US military wounded: 29,395

Iraqi civilians killed: 89,710* Money spent on war: \$512 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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WHO IS MORE WORTHY OF IMPEACHMENT? THAT IS THE QUESTION.

By Jacqueline & Gary Barnett

This week, while Elliot Spitzer was being vilified for getting caught with his “pants down,” Republican legislators shouted: “He should resign or be impeached within 48 hours”. Meanwhile, Ben Bernanke, George Bush’s Federal Reserve Board chairman, was busy handing over \$200 billion to mortgage bank pimps who blithely duped two million unsuspecting homeowners, mostly minorities, into entering illicit affairs with Countrywide Bank. Countrywide promised them sub-prime loans of 4 percent for two years with the promise of a new loan two years later at the same cheap rate. Of course, the “promise” became 9 percent, plus fees, to cover the last two years, resulting in the obvious inability of homeowners to keep up with the payments, their homes becoming worth less than the mortgage, and eventual foreclosure and/or homelessness.

On February 13th Spitzer was quoted as saying, “Not only did the Bush Administration do nothing to protect consumers, it embarked on an aggressive and unprecedented campaign to prevent states from protecting their residents from the very problems to which the federal government was turning a blind eye.” So, the downfall of the “Sheriff of Wall Street” whose behavior undeniably points to huge flaws in his character and judgment, seems to have been imminent for other reasons. However, his misconduct only brought direct harm upon himself and his family, while George W. Bush and his shameful vice president, Dick Cheney, are guilty not only of exploitation of countless consumers, but by their invention of “weapons of mass destruction” of leading the country into a military quagmire which has resulted in untold crimes against humanity.



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