

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 306)

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: **4,439**  
US military wounded: **32,992**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **109,361\***  
Money spent on war: **\$780 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,505**  
US military wounded: **10,622**  
Afghani civilians killed: **16,452**  
Money spent on war: **\$388 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 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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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## Reasons to Oppose the Wars

By Jay Stockman

This past Saturday, while Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War was demonstrating in Times Square, along with a number of New York anti-war groups, on the 8th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, the United States began launching 110 cruise missiles at Libya.

Libya has the largest oil deposits in Africa and is the ninth largest oil deposit in the world. It has a low cost of production and its proximity to the European market makes it a very attractive acquisition. This can explain why the United States and its allies haven't made the same kind of “humanitarian” action in Cote D'Ivoire where horrendous violence against civilians is taking place right now and there is no oil.

Prior to getting the United States into another war without getting a declaration of war from Congress, President Obama defended the unconscionable treatment of whistleblower Bradley Manning in the brig at Quantico by calling it “appropriate.” PFC Manning is a true American hero for exposing the illegal and immoral behavior of the United States government at great personal risk.

On Saturday, April 9th at 12 noon please join Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War at Union Square, Broadway and 14th Street for a massive “Bring The Troops Home Now! March and Rally. Money for Jobs and Education – Not War! The event has been created by The United National Anti-War Committee and is co-sponsored by Chelsea Neighbors United to End The War.



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