

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

3/25/08

(Standup Week 150)

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: 4,000 US military wounded: 29,395

Iraqi civilians killed: 89,778* Money spent on war: \$514 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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GWB: PROFILES IN TORTURE

By Ann Brameier

Cartoonist Garry Trudeau’s first cartoon was about how his Yale classmate George W. Bush and his fraternity hazed pledges by branding them with an iron. George the Brander later said it was just a coat-hanger and hurt no more than a cigarette burn.

Hearing that George used to blow up frogs we might say ‘Boys will be boys’. Maybe just early preparation for his subsequent role as governor and executioner-in-chief. Later, in an interview about Karla Faye Tucker, who was executed in Texas without reprieve, George the Decider mockingly pretended to imitate her saying, “Please don’t kill me.”

George the Swearer has also said “We don’t torture.” Is there an American left who would refute the common knowledge that George the Liar doesn’t mind torturing the truth?

The Military Commissions Act of 2006 included this nugget: “the President has the authority for the United States to interpret the meaning and application of the Geneva Conventions” [Act section 6(a)(3)(A)].” All educated citizens know that that act declared torture unlawful and inhumane—it’s now dust in the wind.

Now on Saturday Bush vetoes legislation whereby Congress once again attempted to ban the CIA from waterboarding and using other harsh interrogation tactics on captives. So first he says we don’t torture, then it’s not illegal (if the pres does it) and now he says he won’t consent to ban it if we need to keep on doing it. Finally some truth.

John McCain was a POW once who said he and his fellow captives referred to being shot down as being killed, because “becoming a prisoner in North Vietnam was like being killed.” He’s tried to pass torture-banning legislation, but has still backed Bush in opposing the waterboarding ban. So John the POW wants to receive the torch passed from George the Frog Boy, Brander, Liar and Drowner. I guess Captain McCain is ready for his close-up



Photo by Gary Scholchet