

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 203)

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: 4,261 US military wounded: 31,115

Iraqi civilians killed: 99,721* Money spent on war: \$612 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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You Are The Antiwar Movement

By Dave Robinson

In 2002 millions around the world marched in rational opposition to America’s impending invasion/occupation of Iraq. Now everyone knows there were no Iraqi WMD’s, no Iraqi threat to America, no Iraqi ties to 9/11 or the still free Bin Laden. But a funny thing happened to the antiwar movement on the way to being proved right: it disappeared. Did we get too tired to care anymore, or worse, do we now just accept American wars and occupations as “normal”?

Active citizens know all too well that under Obama tens of thousands of American soldiers and contractors will remain in Iraq for years, even as we simultaneously increase our involvement in Afghanistan, where nothing good ever happens to foreign powers. Our ongoing military presence in both countries remains tortuous to rationally explain or economically sustain. The antiwar movement should be overwhelming. Instead, it is AWOL.

In 2002 we said if you weren’t outraged you weren’t paying attention, but in 2009 not being outraged equals complicity. Individual citizens need to ask themselves why we stopped caring enough about these insane wars to end them. We have all seen more than enough from our “leaders” in Washington and the “opinion makers” on TV to know they will never abandon their self-serving shortsightedness.

Until and unless We The People demand a peaceful, just and sustainable common future, we will never get there. If we continue to believe compromised parties who are clearly incompetent and irrational, we will only have ourselves to blame for continued economic terrorism, dishonest government, and endless war.

Do not accept the unacceptable. Get your outrage back. Bring all our soldiers home now.



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