

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

4/1/08

(Standup Week 151)

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: 4,007 US military wounded: 29,451

Iraqi civilians killed: 90,115* Money spent on war: \$516 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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1928 and 2008

By Richard Chilton

Eighty years ago the United States financial system, as an industry, including both banks and investment firms, struggled to bring stability to the domestic economy.

Then as now, the tightening of credit, which by 1924 had been “let loose” through creation of institutional fiduciary “instruments” brought about fundamentally through greed, was (and is) being buoyed up artificially with an infusion of “emergency” cash from private firms such as J.P. Morgan Chase—as occurred from 1927 through 1929 – similar to today’s short-term “bail-out” by the Federal Reserve Board.

But here is what no contemporary economist will admit: today’s lack of liquidity is founded on bi-partisan Congressional support for the President’s “Trojan Horse” of both tax cuts and the war(s), amounting to 5.7% (or about four trillion dollars) of the country’s cumulative Gross Domestic Product since 2003, approximately \$70 trillion and more.

The thousands of individual “High Crimes and Misdemeanors” proffered by the Bush Administration occurred because the Congress was bullied into this scheme to fleece the nation’s wealth through deceit and stealth: since protracted war fuels inflation, even the just-passed \$150 billion tax rebate due in May will be “returned” to the oil companies rather than spent on consumer goods because of this war.

The Congress is as culpable as the President; the timing of a constitutionally-mandated General Election in November is no excuse to not have both branches of the U.S. Government accountable by placing impeachment of both the Vice-President and President on the table.



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