

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

4/5/11

(Standup Week 308)

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: **4,441**  
US military wounded: **32,992**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **109,565\***  
Money spent on war: **\$782 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,513**  
US military wounded: **10,749**  
Afghani civilians killed: **16,479**  
Money spent on war: **\$390 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+



## Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War

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## STAY OUT OF LIBYA

By Randy Petsche

The American and French bombings of Libya create a major problem for those opposed to the warlike policies of the Western governments. The Qaddafi regime is brutal and repressive. It is venal and irrational.

While this is true of the Libyan dictatorship it is also true of the other Arab dictatorships, most of which have received enthusiastic U.S. support. If the repressive features of the Qaddafi administration are the basis for full-scale bombings, then the U.S. and its friends will be quite busy bombing throughout the Middle East and indeed, other parts of the globe.

The mere bombing of Libya, no matter how destructive, is unlikely to produce the regime change the U.S. government now craves. We often hear that wars are won on the ground. The pro-Qaddafi forces are likely to win the civil war in the absence of a full-scale western invasion. Such an intervention will create a third or fourth war in which there is a major U.S. presence. Yet all of these seem doomed to failure.

The exact motives of the western powers are in dispute. Some believe the attacks are based on an eagerness to control the large Libyan oil reserves. Others think they are to punish Qaddafi for having been a militant if erratic Arab nationalist. Perhaps they are designed to show off the western capacity for destruction to the rest of the Arab world, now in its own turmoil.

Whatever the true reason, the Libyan insurrection is a civil war among Libyans and should not invite western bombing or invasion.



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