

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

4/12/11

(Standup Week 309)

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: **4,446**
US military wounded: **33,003**
Iraqi civilians killed: **109,573***
Money spent on war: **\$784 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,525**
US military wounded: **10,855**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,487**
Money spent on war: **\$393 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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Which War?

By Carla Nordstrom

In recent weeks, the most common question that people passing the stand-up ask is, “Which war?”

Since the United States spearheaded NATO bombing in Libya, people at home have become more disgruntled and cynical about US war policy. This attitude was evident at the United National Antiwar Demonstration on April 9th.

Saturday was a beautifully clear day with temperatures in the high fifties. Marchers gathered on the south side of Union Square at noon for two hours of speeches. The crowd was different from previous demonstrations. The biggest change was the Muslim mothers and daughters who marched down Broadway to Foley Square. There was concern that the number of participants would be small because the New York Central Labor Council hastily called a demonstration at Times Square for the same hour as this rally. They managed to grab the New York 1 headline, but people showed up from as far away as Rochester to protest the wars. Many are fed up with our wars.

The congressional shenanigans of the past week made it clear that power brokers in Washington do not consider our wars in their negotiations. During the proposed “government shut down” members of Congress would be paid as essential workers, yet the wages of soldiers risking their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan would be deferred.

Each week at the stand-up we have watched as the mood of people has changed about our wars. In the early days people thought we were kooks, later they stopped by to thank us for being out there. These days, people ask, “Which war?”



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