

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

4/14/09

(Standup Week 205)

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: 4,271 US military wounded: 3,169**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 99,774\* Money spent on war: \$614 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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## We Cannot Be Quiet

By Chuck Zlatkin

We cannot afford to underestimate the horrors of war. Will it turn out that the only difference between Bush and Obama on waging war is in the way it is funded in the future?

31,000 more troops for Afghanistan and a longer-than-promised timetable for withdrawing troops from Iraq is Barack Obama’s plan. His style may be different but his actions come right out of the George W. Bush playbook (including the surprise visit to troops in Baghdad) as his \$84 billion supplemental war appropriations is announced.

On April 4th, a few members of Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War participated in the Wall Street March. It was estimated that 10,000 people marched. It was a blustery day as we walked down mostly deserted streets past empty buildings. This was the best route UFPJ could get from Mayor Bloomberg’s police department. No more peace marches to the UN or down Fifth Avenue to Central Park. We should remember that, too, when we vote for Mayor.

If we want an end to these wars, we cannot be quiet. We have to continue to participate in marches and rallies. We have to tell Congressman Nadler, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand that we oppose continued war funding. We have to keep the issue alive by writing letters-to-the-editor and op-eds, and calling in to talk radio.

And if you are looking for something locally that is ongoing, you can join Chelsea Stands Up Against The War any Tuesday from 6 until 7pm. The 4th anniversary of our Stand Up is on Tuesday, May 5th.



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