

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

4/19/11

(Standup Week 310)

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: **4,447**  
US military wounded: **33,003**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **109,739\***  
Money spent on war: **\$785 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1533**  
US military wounded: **10,944**  
Afghani civilians killed: **16,489**  
Money spent on war: **\$396 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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## Wouldn't It Be Lovely?

By Jacqueline Schoenhaus-Barnett

Wouldn't it be lovely if you didn't have to pay any taxes this year? Nicholas Shaxson has written a book investigating the structure of the global economy and the mechanism of offshore banking that allows corporations and people to avoid paying taxes. He has stated that this way of doing business is the “secret underpinning for the political and financial power of Wall Street today.” Apparently tax havens have been providing zero or low taxes to multinational corporations since the 1960s when English banks invited them to put their money in the Bank of England.

The English Banks offered Wall Street companies the opportunity to ignore the Glass-Steagall Act that separates commercial from investment banking. Apparently, this has been business as usual for the last 40 years, the only twist being that in 2008 American citizens were called upon to bail out Wall Street since all their money was tied up elsewhere. This is called “mobile capital” which costs the country about \$100 billion in taxes each year and means that somebody else has to make up the deficit. Of course this is hugely beneficial to Wall Street banks and financial institutions resulting in a powerful effort by corporate lobbyists to keep the system in place.

Funny thing, although President Obama had introduced legislation to reform these financial loopholes when he was still a senator he never pursued the issue once he got into the Oval Office. Currently, there is another bill introduced by Senator Carl Levin (D.-MI) called “Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act” which is trying to bring the issue into public consciousness before we are asked for another tax bail-out.



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