

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 154)

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: 4,039 US military wounded: 29,780**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 90,390\* Money spent on war: \$522 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+



## Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War

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## What we learned this week about the Iraq War

By Chuck Zlatkin

No matter what truths we learn about the conduct of the Iraq invasion and occupation, we are supposed to accept that the death and destruction will continue, unabated, until after January 20, 2009. This past week we learned that the National Defense University, which is funded by the Department of Defense, published a critique of the Iraq war by former senior Pentagon official Joseph J. Collins which states that, “Measured in blood and treasure the Iraq war has achieved the status of a major war and a major debacle.”

The Democratic controlled Congress wants no part of war funding votes during this election season. Nancy Pelosi will combine pending requests by the Bush/Cheney war machine, taking Bush’s request to finance military and diplomatic operations in Iraq through September 30th and coupling it with the funds requested for carrying on the war into the next president’s term. Pelosi will give the Bush/Cheney war machine a total of \$178 billion with no-strings-attached.

Discussions, which can only be seen as a criminal conspiracy in White House, took place among Bush’s top national security advisers planning the details of torture, including water-boarding. Bush admitted knowledge and approval of the meeting. There is no movement by Speaker Pelosi towards initiating impeachment hearings no matter how heinous the crime.

*The New York Times* came out with an extensive report this past week detailing that the Bush/Cheney administration manipulated public opinion by using senior military officers as “experts” on television news shows. They were briefed by the Pentagon and virtually all have connections with military contractors. The networks and the leading newspapers were willing accomplices to this fraud perpetrated on the American people.

It was a hell of a week.



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