

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 259)

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: **4,393**
US military wounded: **31,778**
Iraqi civilians killed: **104,682***
Money spent on war: **\$747 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,049**
US military wounded: **5,628**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,422**
Money spent on war: **\$248 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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Rally and March on Wall Street Thursday April 29

By Bob Martin and Kate Abell

Stand up and be counted. This Thursday, April 29 New Yorkers can march against Wall Street greed and support financial reform. The AFL-CIO, in conjunction with a host of other groups including National People's Action, PICO National Network and others, is holding a “Good Jobs Now! Rally and March” in lower Manhattan. It is also being billed as a “Showdown on Wall Street!”

This event comes just as Wall Street seemingly is wishing amnesia upon us all. First the big banks carried out predatory lending practices, precipitating a financial crisis and driving the economy into the toilet. Then they took billions in taxpayer-funded bailouts. Now that the banks are emerging from the mess they created, they would like us to forget it happened, and are pushing back hard against financial reform.

Not so coincidentally, last week Goldman Sachs reported \$3.5 billion in first-quarter profits. This comes just on the heels of the Security & Exchange Commission filing fraud charges against Goldman Sachs.

The Wall-Street-run-wild phenomenon is inextricably linked with much of what is so wrong about the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is not just that corruption and profiteering by big military contractors is commonplace. It's that continued spending on pointless wars — just like allowing Wall Street to reign un-checked — robs the American people of a chance for full employment, good housing and education and the prospect of a future green environment.

So come to the Rally and March this Thursday! Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m. Place: Broadway and Barclay Street (enter at Broadway and Chambers Street).



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