

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

5/4/10

(Standup Week 260)

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: **4,394**
 US military wounded: **31,790**
 Iraqi civilians killed: **104,722***
 Money spent on war: **\$748 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,050**
 US military wounded: **5,677**
 Afghani civilians killed: **15,430**
 Money spent on war: **\$250 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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The war's still on

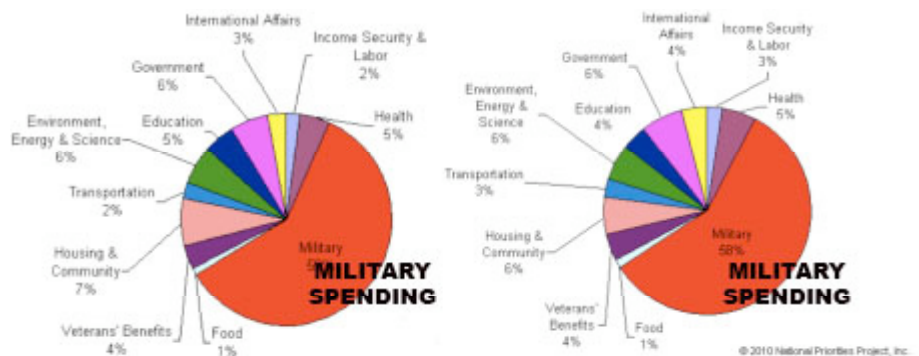
By Sarah Durand

FIVE YEARS AGO a group of neighbors in Chelsea established a weekly vigil that they vowed would continue until the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq—a war crime costing close to a million lives - was brought to an end.

The neighbors are still here. **One hundred and thirty thousand troops** are still there—as are **100,000+ mercenaries** and contractors, **120+ military “camps, 40+ Forward Operating Bases** and an additional **20+ air bases and air ports”** (<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/facility/iraq.htm>). No one is moving out yet.

Balad Air Base is among the world’s busiest and “large enough to house internal bus lines, motorcycle and car dealerships, shopping malls;” whereas the Vatican-sized U.S. embassy in Iraq is the largest in the world, with its own electrical and sewage plants and defense force of thousands (<http://www.fcnl.org/iraq/bases.htm> and <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12319798/>).

So Obama’s pledge to place diplomacy ahead of militarism must be unfolding in Afghanistan...right?



Discretionary Spending FY 2008 Discretionary Spending FY 2010

...guess not.