

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

5/11/10

(Standup Week 261)

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: **4,397**
US military wounded: **31,790**
Iraqi civilians killed: **104,826***
Money spent on war: **\$749 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,060**
US military wounded: **5,729**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,439**
Money spent on war: **\$252 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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Fossil Fuel Wars

By Richard Chilton

In 1949 the first all-solar-powered home debuted on Long Island, New York, while a half-century later a re-introduction of electric cars—which averaged 20 miles per hour in 1915—was cynically withdrawn from “The Market” by its corporate investors. During the 1920s General Motors tore up the nation’s most extensive light rail system in Los Angeles, California in favor of diesel buses, while 50 winters later the loss from the rural landscape of farm windmills, coupled with the end of shortline freight and passenger rail service sealed the fate of an integrated, locally-based, regionally-oriented agricultural industry.

Since World War One the foundational economic basis for the waging of war across the planet has been the (unnecessary) lust-for-profit of fossil fuels: oil, natural gas, coal, and uranium, and their corollary negative effects on how food is grown, harvested and distributed, affecting health, and a probable irreversible actuality of climate change. Today, every storm that rolls across the varied Continents of Mother Earth is destructive, more frequent, and often deadly.

With a single stroke the bipartisanship of a Democratic/Republican-led regulatory-sell-out-to-corporate personhood failed to mandate a technologically-proven remote shut-off switch at TransOcean’s underwater oil wellhead, which doomed the offshore prairie of the Gulf of Mexico as effectively as the plow uprooted 80 inches of sod, destroying 95% of the wetlands of the North American steppe.

Only the militant demand for conservation and fundamental change in how we define “The Market” of economic growth will end these fossil fuel wars.



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