

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

5/17/11

(Standup Week 314)

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: **4,452**
US military wounded: **33,023**
Iraqi civilians killed: **110,151***
Money spent on war: **\$790 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,566**
US military wounded: **11,314**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,506**
Money spent on war: **\$404 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+



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President Obama overdoes his war power

By Jay Stockman

This Friday, May 20, 2011 should be an important day in the “war” in Libya. It is the sixtieth day of U.S. military involvement in Libya. Under the War Powers Resolution of 1973, the President is required to notify Congress within 48 hours of committing armed forces to military action and forbids armed forces from remaining for more than 60 days, with a further 30 day withdrawal period, without an authorization of the use of military force or a declaration of war. It is clear that President Obama wants to remain in Libya.

The War Powers Resolution provides that the President can send U.S. armed forces into action abroad only by authorization of Congress or in case of “a national emergency created by attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its armed forces.” This year, the Senate passed a resolution calling on the United Nations Security Council to impose a no-fly zone on Libya. But Congress has neither approved nor specifically financed United States participation in enforcing the zone.

Is President Obama violating the terms of the War Powers Resolution by his behavior? And is the War Powers Resolution, by itself, a violation of the constitution? It was the intent of the Constitution to place the declaration of war as the responsibility of Congress and the conduct of a war in the hands of the President as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. Congress altered that arrangement by resolution.

Whatever the case, President Obama should remove the military from the war in Libya immediately.



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