

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

5/24/11

(Standup Week 315)

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: **33,041**
Iraqi civilians killed: **110,279***
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,582**
US military wounded: **11,411**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,530**
Money spent on war: **\$406 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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Facebook, Google, Yahoo, They All “Data-Mine” for the Government

By Richard Chilton

In the 1960’s it was common to hear “the personal is political,” implying personal acts do indeed have political implications universal to human experience. A generation later this became “Think Globally, Act Locally,” suggesting how worldwide interrelationships can and do have direct, personal impact.

Today both have come together so that personal acts do have political impact on both a local and planetary scale. Technologically-based interactive social media such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn—which just this week went public—are now more influential than conventional news media, prompting a growing mythology that technology drives social change (Tunisia, Egypt, et al) when in reality it was the serious work of preparatory organizing that made the difference.

Besides, Facebook now censors political speech, and there is growing pressure—as happened in Egypt and briefly in Wisconsin, already established in China and proposed in the United States—to have authority to shut down the Internet at-will. Indeed, Facebook is reported to have been financed by a venture capital fund (InQtel) founded by the Central Intelligence Agency, investing \$12.5 million dollars in 2005. Wikileaks’ Julianne Assuage said on May 2, 2011 that Google, Yahoo, Facebook, et al, were all data-mining for the Government, saying, “Facebook in particular is the most appalling spying machine that has ever been invented.”

No wonder the corporatocracy controlling the Congressionally-bipartisan-driven U.S. permanent war economy can afford to summarily execute Osama Bin Laden while opening up “a Third Front” now with Libya, Iraq, and Afghanistan/Pakistan.



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