

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

5/31/11

(Standup Week 316)

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: **4,454**
US military wounded: **33,04**
Iraqi civilians killed: **110,405***
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,595**
US military wounded: **11,541**
Afghani civilians killed: **11,541**
Money spent on war: **\$408 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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Look who voted for permanent war!

By Chuck Zlatkin

The continuation and expansion of George W. Bush’s war policies by Barack Obama is criminal. Congress ably abetted Obama in these crimes when it passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. The legislation continues the funding for America’s current wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya while giving the Defense Department start-up funding for the next wars as well. Any member of Congress who voted in favor of the funding bill has abandoned any claim to morality and to serving the best interests of the American people. There are no longer any rationalizations that can justify a vote in favor of this legislation.

The New York City representatives who joined Republicans and Blue Dog Democrats in voting in favor of the permanent war funding bill are: Yvette D. Clarke (D NY-11), Eliot L. Engel (D NY-17), Mike Grimm (R NY-13), Gregory W. Meeks (D NY-6), and Edolphus Towns (D NY-10). Clarke is a member of the House Progressive Caucus and voted to embrace permanent war. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D TX-18), one of the vice-chairs of the Caucus, and Hank Johnson, (D GA-4) the caucus whip, were joined by caucus member Elijah E. Cummings (D MD-7) in voting for the bill. Caucus members Jesse L. Jackson Jr., (D IL-2), and Donald M. Payne (D NJ-10) were more cowardly in their support of the bill by not voting on the legislation. How can these representatives claim to be progressive?

We can no longer allow ourselves to be fooled. It may matter what an elected official says, but the true value of our representatives must be measured by what they do.



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