

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

6/3/08

(Standup Week 160)

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?

**US military dead: 4,086 US military wounded: 30,333**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 91,889\* Money spent on war: \$534 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 NUMBERS DON'T LIE: THE IRAQ WAR IS A HORROR

By Anne Brameier and Chuck Zlatkin

A few weeks ago we presented some of the numbers connected with the war and occupation of Iraq. It was powerful and we got much response to it. Recently, the Nation, the oldest weekly magazine in America, presented a similar list that was compiled by David Morris. Morris is a former marine who has been embedded in Iraq as a reporter for the *Virginia Quarterly Review* and *Salon*. The numbers he presented are worth considering understanding the horrendous impact of what the United States has done with our tax dollars and the lives and futures of our young members of the military:

Percentage of Iraqis displaced by war: 20

American cost of Iraq War per second (as of March 2008): \$4,563.18

Total number of Coalition personnel in Iraq at the height of the “surge” (including all contractors and civilian support personnel): 343,100

Total number of actual US combat troops in Iraq at the height of the “surge” (excluding support personnel): 38,000

Number of police officers in New York City: 37,000

Number of embedded journalists during March 2003 invasion: 775

Number of embedded journalists during March 2008: 23

Number of US killed and wounded, Hue City, Vietnam, 1968: 147; 857

Number of US killed and wounded, Falluja, Iraq, 2004: 104; 1,110

Number of Iraq veterans diagnosed with PTSD: 300,000

Number of troops stop-lossed: 58,300

Number of troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001: 1,668,000

Number of troops deployed after being declared medically unfit: 43,000



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