

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 161)

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: 4,093 US military wounded: 30,333

Iraqi civilians killed: 92,004* Money spent on war: \$536 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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McCain, Obama and the Wars

By Richard Chilton

Republican John McCain claims the Iraq War can be “won” by 2013, while Democratic Barack Obama declares the United States must be “careful” in withdrawing from that country, and both presidential candidates equally hold Afghanistan hostage to continued American led NATO military occupation throughout their presumed first terms.

Why won't Obama apply diplomacy to resolve Afghanistan as he suggests for Iran in de-escalating nuclear technologies, or when negotiating with the freely elected Hamas authority, representing the Palestinian people regarding a two-state solution with Israel? In the 1980s the U.S. gave birth to what later became Al Queda, a political terrorist group, as a wedge of the bi-partisan directed Cold War in a Democrat led reaction to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Such partisan interference also gave rise in that country to what later became the Taliban, a theocratic cultural terrorist group that many American progressives erroneously held justified when the “regime change” cloaked under the Cheney/Bush ruse of a “war on terror” was successfully executed against the Taliban in a Republican led reaction to 9/11.

That ruse remains the constitutionally-mandated basis for demanding impeachment of these “elected” officials; yet U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi took impeachment “off the table” in 2007 to “diplomatically” maneuver the Democrats into position to regain partisan control of the federal government in 2009.

Two of the three impeachment acts against a sitting President in 1867 and 1998 were engineered by the “radical Republicans” of their day. Are the Democrats any different in pursuing this ignored war in Afghanistan while ignoring the necessity of Impeachment of Cheney/Bush in the U.S.?



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