

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

6/14/11

(Standup Week 318)

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: **4,460**
US military wounded: **33,051**
Iraqi civilians killed: **110,497***
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,613**
US military wounded: **11,864**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,569**
Money spent on war: **\$423 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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GET OUT OF YEMEN, TOO

By Randy Petsche

So you thought that wars in four countries in the Middle East—Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Libya—might be enough for one president. But they aren't. The Obama Administration feels the need to bring American involvement to Yemen as well.

According to the New York Times the administration has intensified its “secret war” in Yemen to fill a “power vacuum” left after the former dictator fled the country. Air strikes conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon's Joint Special Operations Command are the order of the day.

Al Qaeda “operatives” are supposedly targeted in these bombing raids, but drone missiles often make mistakes and end up killing innocent civilians instead of hardened Al Qaeda “militants.” The civilian casualties are quickly described as “collateral damage” by senior U.S. military officials.

The adventures in Yemen have been dwarfed by NATO's 4,000 bombing sorties in Libya which always seem to miss Colonel Qaddafi but have surely killed hundreds of others, many of them non-combatants.

There has been Congressional disapproval of the bombing of Libya with 148 members of the House of Representatives voting for a measure calling for an end to naval and air force operations there.

None of this seems to faze the Obama Administration which has shown no more willingness than that of George W. Bush to allow Congress to curb its war-making power



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