

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

6/15/10

(Standup Week 266)

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: **4,405**  
US military wounded: **31,844**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **105,408\***  
Money spent on war: **\$754 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,114**  
US military wounded: **6,231**  
Afghani civilians killed: **15,535**  
Money spent on war: **\$262t 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+



## Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War

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## More Blood For Oil

By Dave Robinson

In 2002 millions of people around the world marched against the pending invasion of Iraq under the banner “No Blood For Oil.” But our “democratic” government ignored us and the blood of hundreds of thousands flowed in both oil-rich Iraq and Afghanistan’s pipeline fantasy land. Eight years later, the futures of both occupied countries remain crucial to Big Oil. Multinational corporations, their purchased politicians and our “all volunteer” military remain willing, ready and able to find a National Security rationale to take control of each country’s energy resources, political instability and infrastructure—such as it is—to guarantee future cash flows.

The BP/Deepwater Horizon oil catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico exacts more blood for oil. A truly representational government would have immediately removed the breathtakingly inept, blatantly dishonest corporate criminal BP from control of this disaster. But the Energy Industrial complex owns the Gulf crime scene as effectively as the Military Industrial complex owns our occupations. America Inc. will commit more war and environmental crimes for oil, resources, and empire because it’s what we do.

Hurricane season is on the way in the Gulf, and as with our military occupations we will all reap the whirlwind. Civilians, soldiers, and wildlife in the way will suffer first and worst, but none of us can escape the consequences of these corporate atrocities against our common future.

It is up to us to stop these wars. As citizens, taxpayers, and consumers, we must say “No More” to these obvious lies and endless crimes. How much more blood for oil can you stand?



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