

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 163)

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: 4,102 US military wounded: 30,333**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 92,871\* Money spent on war: \$540 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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## Seduced and Abandoned

By Chuck Zlatkin

This was a different kind of “worst week in the war.”

Hearing Nancy Pelosi claim that she hoped this was the “last time” for this kind of funding was a maddening thing to hear. The Congress this past week voted another \$162 billion dollars for the war in Iraq. This fully funds the war through June 2009. In 2006, the American people gave the Democrats the majority in Congress to end to the war. Now, with the lame duck Bush also the historically most unpopular President, the Democrats have mounted no resistance to giving George W. Bush all that he wanted. It was also the week that the Democrats voted to nullify the 4th Amendment by giving it all to George W. Bush in the expanded FISA legislation. In addition to giving amnesty to the major corporations who conspired with the Bush administration to violate our rights, it will now be legal for the Government to spy on any American, without a warrant, for one week.

The leadership of the Democratic Party has broken every promise it has made to us on ending the war in Iraq at the same time that it barter away our Constitutional protections. We are being led to believe that all we have to do now is elect Barack Obama to end the war. The only thing wrong with that is that there is still six more months to the Bush/Cheney criminal reign.

Now that Obama broke his pledge to participate in public financing, we should begin to wonder what other promises he will abandon for political expediency. It is getting hard to tell the progressives from the “blue dogs.” The past two years can accurately be characterized as the Bush/Cheney/Pelosi administration.



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