

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

6/30/09

(Standup Week 216)

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: 4,318 US military wounded: 31,368**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 100,868\* Money spent on war: \$636 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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## NYC Drones for War

By Dave Robinson

Our weapon of choice in Afghanistan/Pakistan (Af-Pak) is the Predator Drone, an unmanned aircraft that attacks suspected Taliban and unlucky civilians. New Yorkers have our own predator drones right here at home. With the sole exception of José Serrano, the entire NYC congressional delegation – all Democrats – voted “yes” on the latest “emergency” war funding supplemental to continue operations in Iraq and Af-Pak. Under Bush, many of these same reps voted “no” on war funding. But now that Democrats are in charge of both the Congress and the White House, our NYC drones fully support America’s wars of choice.

Operations in Iraq and Af-Pak have always been funded by shameful, off the books supplementals. Obama pledged in his 2/24/09 address to Congress to discontinue this cowardly practice that hides the real financial costs of these wars from the American people. Yet on 6/24/09, he approved another \$80 billion borrowed dollars for war by supplemental. This is not “Change”.

It gets worse. Because this supplemental was completely opposed by Republicans enraged over a provision granting \$5B to the IMF, the vote might have been close. Democrats who truly oppose this war could have for once actually made a difference by voting “no.” Several Democrats from other states did just that, but not NYC’s.

Democrats such as Chelsea’s Jerry Nadler want you to think they actually want peace. They think you’re too stupid to understand that opposing insane wars means not paying for them.

Stop enabling politicians of either party who lie to your face about war. Bring all our soldiers home now.



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