

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

7/1/08

(Standup Week 164)

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: 4,113 US military wounded: 30,333**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 93,056\* Money spent on war: \$542 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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## THE IRAQI OIL DEAL

By Randy Petsche

The Bush administration and the Labor government of the United Kingdom are on the verge of realizing their golden dream for Iraq. On June 30 the Government of Iraq is expected to announce a deal with four major Western oil companies for exclusive, no-bid contracts for the development of Iraqi oil production. The agreement will reinstall Exxon Mobil, Shell, British Petroleum and Total, the four companies that monopolized Iraqi oil production between 1911 and 1972 when they were known as the Iraq Petroleum Company.

Bush and the four oil companies have been thwarted by the refusal of the democratically elected Iraqi parliament to go along with their plans for control. Instead, they found pliable partners in the Iraqi Oil Ministry, who will cut the deal outside of parliamentary review.

The Iraqi population detests the new oil deal. They believe it represents a return to the old days of British and American neo-colonialism. There is certain to be major violence against the oil companies when they resume their activities.

The new oil deal will create even more pressure on the next president to continue the occupation for the protection of the oil cartel. Oil deal or not, the anti-war movement must continue to insist on an immediate withdrawal of all American troops and mercenaries.

The oil deal should be rescinded. No blood for oil.



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