

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

7/5/11

(Standup Week 321)

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: **4,469**
US military wounded: **33,082**
Iraqi civilians killed: **110,991***
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,649**
US military wounded: **12,306**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,685**
Money spent on war: **\$430 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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CIA + DOD = BFFs

By Dave Robinson

The CIA and the Department of Defense are planning a big Washington wedding, and the whole world is invited, one way or another. They’ve held hands for years but now love is in the air following the CIA commanded Navy SEAL team bringing Osama Bin Laden “to justice” without that boring old law stuff.

General David Petraeus and Leon Panetta will soon have new jobs with the same goal: keeping the CIA firmly in charge of US foreign policy. The General, who oversaw The Surge in Iraq and is currently the top US Commander in Afghanistan, will become the new Director of the CIA. Leon Panetta, the current CIA Director, will become the Secretary of Defense.

Of course every couple faces challenges. Rumors persist regarding decades of mistrust between The Agency and the Defense Department. Petraeus and Panetta will have to get the feel for their new machines. And every family in America has to do more with less these days. But love will find a way to keep the drones flying. After all, America, your safety depends on the CIA and the DOD working closely together. What could go wrong?

Politico barely gives the story a sniff: “Congress still remains deeply concerned by a blurring of authorities between the CIA and the Defense Department...CIA covert actions must be approved by the president and are subject to legally binding congressional notification. Meanwhile, the defense secretary has vastly more independent control over Pentagon clandestine military operations—which are subject to much less-extensive congressional oversight.”

What do you get killers who have everything? How about four more years?



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