

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 269)

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: **4,411**
US military wounded: **31,874**
Iraqi civilians killed: **105,569***
Money spent on war: **\$754 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,151**
US military wounded: **6,622**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,575**
Money spent on war: **\$270 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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Wars and the Macondo fissure

By Richard Chilton

“This well did not want to be drilled.

It just seemed like we were messing with Mother Nature.”

—Daniel Barron III, worker on *Deepwater Horizon*

The problem with the Macondo fissure emitting 60,000-plus barrels of oil daily into the Gulf of Mexico is that there’s no guarantee the two relief wells or any number of wells (that aren’t being drilled) will work. It has never been done. Even if it does, the din of politicians and “special interests” which likewise support the wars (corporations, supporting industries, workers, the inertia of local/regional economies) have already called for a resumption of “business-as-usual” before the problem is resolved.

What if the fissure of oil flowing into the sea cannot be stopped?

That is what we as a human species throughout the world face with wars and climate change. The capacity of governments to resist the economic influence of transnational corporations has collapsed. Plutocracies of market-derived and state-managed economies implode under the burden of runaway debt created out of thin air. We are under illusion that a technological-based culture can continue instead of one in harmony and balance with the rhythms of the earth.

Indigenous people, including the Ancient Ones of Europe, built a cohesive inter-relationship with the local geography and climate—a cosmology of place determining practice in relationship to local conditions. The lesson is not that we need to return to a pre-technological time, but rather which technologies are best for the planet, and which are not.



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