

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 217)

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: 4,323 US military wounded: 31,368

Iraqi civilians killed: 100,964* Money spent on war: \$638 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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Will this war ever end?

By Carla Nordstrom

Have you noticed that the length of the war on Iraq keeps expanding? When candidate Barack Obama ran for office, he said he was opposed to the war and would end it. In January of 2009, when he took office, the president said that all troops would be pulled out of Iraq within sixteen months. According to my calculations the war would end in June of 2010. Next we heard that date had been extended until the end of August of 2010. Last week, while listening to a radio report on American troops leaving Iraqi cities the reporter mentioned that all troops will be pulled out of Iraq by 2011. A subsequent report mentioned that all U.S. troops will leave Iraq by the end of 2011.

Am I the only one wondering where these dates are coming from and why the Obama Administration keeps on trucking? Are they using a math calculation that increases the amount of time that troops will stay in Iraq by the number of months this administration is in office? If so, we are truly looking at a war without end.

Making an ill-conceived war longer will not make it any better or any more right.

And I'm only talking about the situation in Iraq; what about Afghanistan?



Chelsea lost a good neighbor last week. If you did not know Katharine Roberts, you would have recognized her as the woman with the walker who wore political buttons on the strap of her purse; among her buttons was our rainbow peace symbol. Katharine stood with us against the war and will be missed.



Photo by Gary Scholchet