

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

7/12/11

(Standup Week 322)

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: **4,471**
US military wounded: **33,082**
Iraqi civilians killed: **111,212***
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,658**
US military wounded: **12,450**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,692**
Money spent on war: **\$432 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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The Illegal Mis-Guided War in Libya

By Bob Martin

Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio is a long-time leader in trying to steer the U.S. from ill-advised wars. Last week he announced he is sponsoring legislation to end U.S. military involvement in Libya.

He began by citing the illegality of U.S. actions in Libya under the Constitution and the War Powers Act because only Congress can declare war, and the by now well-known fact that some of President Obama’s own advisors have disagreed with his position that the Libya conflict does not require Congressional approval.

Kucinich went on to say a number of illuminating things to which we all should pay heed: “The war has reached a stalemate and is unwinnable without deployment of NATO ground troops, effectively an invasion of Libya. The whole operation was terribly ill-considered from the beginning...There is little evidence that the opposition has support of the majority of Libyans. The leading opposition group should never have launched an armed civil war against the government if they had no chance absent a massive [NATO campaign]. Their reckless actions... created the humanitarian crisis that was then used to justify the NATO war campaign.

“The U.S. cannot afford it. Our cost will soon reach more than \$1 billion, and we are already engaged in massive cutbacks of civil services for our own people...This war is misguided.

“Congress must act to cut off funds for the war because there is no military solution in Libya. Serious negotiations for a political solution must begin to end the violence and create an environment for peace negotiations to fulfil the legitimate, democratic aspirations of the people. A political solution will become viable when the opposition understands that regime change is the privilege of the Libyan people, not of NATO.”



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