

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 218)

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: 4,324 US military wounded: 31,368

Iraqi civilians killed: 100,971* Money spent on war: \$640 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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New president, wider war

By Chuck Zlatkin

The anti-war movement and the majority of the American people were thrilled with the defeat of the party of Bush and its war in Iraq. Many people believed that they had elected an anti-war president in Barack Obama.

Unfortunately, each week we are given more and more evidence to prove otherwise. In the past week we learned that the United States fired missiles from pilotless drones in three separate attacks in Pakistan killing 96 people. Combined with the June 23rd drone attack on a funeral procession that killed up to 80 people, it brought the total number of drone attacks launched by the U.S in Pakistan to 45 since last August. At the same time, the Obama administration undertook a major offensive in Afghanistan, Operation Khanjar, utilizing upwards of 4,000 Marines and Navy personnel. These actions are a major escalation that will bring horror to civilians in both countries. Coupled with the American influenced Pakistani offensive in the Swat Valley, two million civilians are now internal refugees.

We have also learned in the past few weeks that President Obama has embraced a number of the tactics of the Bush administration that infuriated anti-war and civil liberties activists. From exposing the truth about torture, to illegal spying, to kidnapping and detaining people even if they were tried and acquitted, the Obama administration has defended the Bush policies and made them its own.

We are now at a point where even anti-war supporters of President Obama must decide whether to support President Barack Obama no matter what, or to oppose his actions in the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.



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