

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

**7/15/08**

(Standup Week 166)

Tuesday, 6 pm – 7 pm

## 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: 4,118 US military wounded: 30,349**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 93,363\* Money spent on war: \$542 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 figures at 655,000+

## Did You Hear About the Articles of Impeachment?

by Gary Barnett

How many of you are aware that on June 10, 2008 Representative Dennis Kucinich introduced 35 articles of impeachment against George W. Bush? As pointed out by Larry Beinhart, in his monthly Commentary appearing in *Chronogram* (an Ulster County arts & culture magazine):

“It was on C-SPAN, it was covered by the AP, and the story is available on the websites of the major news organizations. The *New York Times* buried it in the National Briefing on page A21. The other major papers treated it likewise. It wasn’t featured in the network or major cable news shows, except Keith Olbermann’s.”

As Beinhart aptly continues: “If you already knew to look for it, you could find it. But otherwise, you would never know it had happened. It had been rendered invisible.”

Whether or not you share the view of people like Congressman Jerry Nadler who “agree that impeachable offenses were committed” but somehow don’t feel impeachment is politically viable; you shouldn’t have to rely on the serendipity of a trip upstate to read about the courageous actions of Congressman Kucinich, that demonstrate a commitment to upholding the mandates of the Constitution.

The Judiciary Committee has failed to act on these articles of impeachment; and at the time of this writing (July 10) Kucinich has pared it down to one article being presented to the House, dealing with Bush fraudulently obtaining support for an attack on Iraq by creating a false case for war.

You now know about it. If the Judiciary Committee still fails to act, you can call its chair, John Conyers: (202) 225-5126.



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