

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 272)

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: **4,413**  
US military wounded: **31,888**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **105,956\***  
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,206**  
US military wounded: **7,010**  
Afghani civilians killed: **15,636**  
Money spent on war: **\$276 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+



## Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War

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## (Still) Dying For Work in Iraq

By Dave Robinson

Don't confuse President Obama's promise to withdraw all American soldiers by the end of 2011 with an actual American withdrawal. Corporate America's oil and strategic interests in Iraq are merely being transferred from the actual military to the State Department's army of private military contractors.

Empire USA's ongoing human resources reshuffling is illustrated by Jeremy Scahill this week in *The Nation*<sup>1</sup>. A rocket attack in Baghdad's Green Zone on July 22 killed three and wounded fifteen Triple Canopy employees. Don't be surprised that the dead were from Uganda and Peru. For years people from all over the world have followed the money—American tax dollars—into war zones just like the majority of our “all volunteer” military. Tens of thousands of international employees will be needed for decades to staff the 21 building/104 acre US “embassy” in Baghdad, as well as the five “Enduring Presence Posts” that will morph out of existing US military bases once America “withdraws”. (Shock: we are also greatly expanding our embassy in Pakistan in advance of our “getting out” of Afghanistan.)

State Department's Chief Operating Officer Hillary Clinton once campaigned vigorously against the use of military contractors. As CEO Obama's employee, however, State is now updating Congress regarding the “critical need for logistical and life support of a magnitude and scale of complexity that is unprecedented in the history of the Department of State”. Yes we can.

Politicians tell you our soldiers are leaving Iraq. You owe it to yourself to find out who's taking their place. After all, you're still paying for them to die for Corporate America.

<sup>1</sup><http://www.thenation.com/blog/37877/iraq-withdrawal-obama-and-clinton-expanding-us-paramilitary-force-iraq>



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