

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

8/2/11

(Standup Week 325)

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: **4,474**
US military wounded: **33,105**
Iraqi civilians killed: **111,536***
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,680**
US military wounded: **12,877**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,761**
Money spent on war: **\$439 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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For the People

By Richard Chilton

“The Constitution was premised on the protection of the rights of private property and commerce over those of individuals, communities and the Earth. Our challenge today is to reverse that thinking.”

— Thomas Linzey

Thomas Linzey’s Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (www.celdf.org) has been working since 1995 with people in Pennsylvania and other states—and one country, Ecuador—“to assert...fundamental rights to democratic local self-governance, and to enact laws which end destructive and rights-denying corporate action aided and abetted by state and local governments.”

By a wide margin, Ecuador became the first country to adopt such provisions into its national Constitution in 2008.

Similar to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) were the ERA to be ratified, once adopted this novel approach breaks the hold of Class—the Gordian Knot of Democracy—in delineating political and economic rights through corporate personhood.

The rights of the Earth being free from the diminution of its natural resources through exploitation for profit is Today’s Rallying Cry against the 1947-imposed Permanent War Economy, the real cause behind both the Corporate Greed-fueled Crash of 2008 and the resultant political theatre of the 2011 “debt ceiling crisis.”

Neither President Barack Obama, nor the bipartisan-infected United States Congress, which continues to raise the military budget that the President then signs into law as BOTH the Executive and the Congress posture who is to be blamed for dismantling the so-called “socialist” welfare state, give a damn about “the American People.”

With a Judiciary that, from the beginning, has always checked the balance of power of these two other branches through the prism of private property and commerce more than individuals, communities, and the earth, isn’t it time the People change that Government as happened against the British in the 1760-70’s, non-violently