

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

8/3/10

(Standup Week 273)

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: **105,994\***  
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,215**  
US military wounded: **7,149**  
Afghani civilians killed: **15,742**  
Money spent on war: **\$278 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+

## Is the Tide Turning?

By Carla Nordstrom

The tide may be turning in the war on Afghanistan. The WikiLeaks release of the Afghan War Diary demonstrates that U.S. war policy is not working. Information such as Pakistan’s support for the Taliban and evidence of indiscriminate civilian casualties is causing more people to question why we are in this war. The number of members of Congress, who recently voted against funding for the war, tripled and included 12 Republicans. A national columnist wrote an op-ed piece in *The New York Times* this week that illustrated how the cost of one soldier for one year could be used to build 20 schools in Afghanistan.

Another tide is turning in the war on Afghanistan. The situation is getting worse. July was the deadliest month for soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Along with the increase of American military deaths has been an increase in civilian casualties. The war has become more dangerous for everybody concerned.

With the changes in attitudes and increasing danger, you would think that there would be an effort to scale back our involvement, especially because it is a policy that this country can’t afford. Instead of looking for a way out of the war, the current administration is using the tactics of the previous administration of blaming the leakers for security breaches and ignoring public concerns.

I’ve stood up against the war on the corner of 24th Street and 8th Avenue and on a bridge in Ellsworth, Maine. If the administration promoting the wars would come to the streets and join us, they might understand that Americans want the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to end.



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