

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 274)

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: **106,047\***  
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,217**  
US military wounded: **7,284**  
Afghani civilians killed: **15,793**  
Money spent on war: **\$288 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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## Know the Drill

### By Dave Robinson

On July 27, 114 members of Congress actually said No to more “emergency” (i.e. off the books) Afghanistan war funding. Too bad 308 of their fellow “leaders” obediently got in line behind President Obama and voted Yes to a freshly borrowed \$33 billion to keep the war machine humming.

It doesn't matter whether or not candidate Obama was lying to himself or just to us when he promised not to fund Iraq and Afghanistan war operations through emergency supplementals as Bush did. Congress knows the drill. They combine additional funding for wars most Americans don't support with actual emergency spending that most Americans would never oppose.

This time your representatives hid fresh war funding in plain sight within bill HR 4899 disarmingly titled “Making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes”. \$33B for war was included in the same bill that employed teachers, police, and firefighters, supported Vietnam War veterans exposed to Agent Orange, increased Haiti relief and PELL grant funding, “strengthened” the border, and provided \$275 for BP's Gulf oil spill along with a cryptic “\$725 million to offset other needs”. A No vote on the war was also a No vote against everything else. What's a rep to do?

Our self-serving Congress brings home the bacon to their corporate paymasters while individuals like Chelsea's Jerry Nadler claim to be antiwar. What's the bottom line? More Democrats win re-election on a message of “Change” while the dual quagmires of Afghanistan and Congressional war funding never change. Mission accomplished.



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