

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 275)

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: **4,414**
US military wounded: **31,902**
Iraqi civilians killed: **106,047***
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,225**
US military wounded: **7,415**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,821**
Money spent on war: **\$290 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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Ten Years Too Long in Afghanistan

By Kate Abell

Rep. Barbara Lee of California has long been a leading questioner of U.S. policies in Iraq and Afghanistan. Here are excerpts from her recent post on Huffingtonpost.com.

“Soon the war in Afghanistan will enter its tenth year. Already the longest war in our nation’s history, one thing remains clear—there is no end in sight...Americans are asking some pointed questions. What is our mission? How is it going to be achieved? And when are the troops coming home?”

“There have been stunning revelations about the war in Afghanistan. According to senior military officials...our strategy is not succeeding... The recent documents released by Wikileaks only validate the growing anxiety of the American people with the direction of the war in Afghanistan.

“I wish I could believe that if we stay in Afghanistan, a year or even five years from now, the country will have a stable, functioning government. But I see no evidence that this will be the case. We will likely see the generals come back to us in a year and ask for more time and more troops—regardless if the situation is getting better or worse.

“Let’s face it: If the Congress allows it, this will be an endless war. Enough is enough. We need to end this war now. The U.S. has no choice but to pursue a political solution.

“Last week, I introduced legislation to responsibly end the war by limiting funding to the safe and orderly withdrawal of our troops and military contractors from Afghanistan. [It] received 100 votes...Nine years ago, I was the lone voice in this effort. Now there are many more of us speaking with one voice to bring about a responsible end to this war.”



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