

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 276)

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: **4,415**
US military wounded: **31,907**
Iraqi civilians killed: **106,245***
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,241**
US military wounded: **7,529**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,870**
Money spent on war: **\$292 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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Bradley Manning, Julian Assange— know these names?

By Chuck Zlatkin

Manning, an army intelligence analyst, is in prison—suspected of leaking information the government wanted secret. Thanks to Manning, you know that a U.S. helicopter gunship monitoring a small group of Iraqi non-combatants (including two journalists) received permission to gun them down for walking near a U.S. ground troop operation—and then received permission to slaughter other non-combatants who arrived to assist the victims. Defense Secretary Gates excused these killings as “split-second” in the “fog of war.” Manning may also be the individual who leaked the existence of thousands of unreported civilian killings by US military in Afghanistan.

Assange is the founder of WikiLeaks, to whom Manning apparently leaked the uncomfortable information. Secretary Gates claims to be “ ‘mortified, appalled’ at Mr. Assange’s willingness to make public documents that listed the names of individual Afghans” (nytimes.com/2010/08/02/). But Gates’ accusation isn’t true (www.democracynow.org/2010/8/3/). The US government wants to silence Assange and WikiLeaks for good—and make a lesson of them for anyone who dares challenge the U.S. military-intelligence establishment. Apparently, the latest attempt involved fingering Assange as a rapist, although this fell through (nytimes.com/2010/08/22).

Who are the heroes of democracy and of justice? If we don’t speak up for them, we will lose both.



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