

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 172)

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?

US military dead: 4,146 US military wounded: 30,561

Iraqi civilians killed: 94,560* Money spent on war: \$552 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 war in Iraq.

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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COLD WAR II

By Randy Petsche

If the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq weren't enough to satisfy the American political class it now has another golden hobby horse to mount. This is its growing efforts, through NATO, to encircle the Russian Republic.

The recent outbreak of hostilities between the Russian and Georgian Republics has been thoroughly exploited by the White House. The U. S. government has been egging on Georgia for some time. It promoted the Georgian attacks on the province of South Ossetia which has a large ethnic Russian population and has sent hundreds of military advisers to Georgia. This led to the inevitable Russian counterattack the Administration is now exploiting for propaganda.

The idea that American elites are concerned about democracy in Georgia is merely ludicrous. Georgian President Saakashvili has declared martial law, jailed opponents, suppressed the media and rigged his own election.

A new Cold War means major that the U. S. government and its friends will make major efforts to “contain” Russia by ringing it with NATO and American military bases, and installing new weapons systems aimed at the Russian Federation. Cold War II will be a bonanza for the manufacturers of major weapons systems. Further escalation of hostilities with Russia will lead to endless boondoggles for politically connected contractors in electronics, technology and nuclear weapons. This crowd is also known as the military-industrial complex.

Tell you're elected officials that promoting yet another crusade against Russia is futile, dangerous and a complete waste of taxpayer money.



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