

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

8/31/10

(Standup Week 277)

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: **4,416**
US military wounded: **31,911**
Iraqi civilians killed: **106,245***
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,249**
US military wounded: **7,644**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,899**
Money spent on war: **\$294 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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9.11 and the “Dove World (Christian) Outreach”

By Richard Chilton

The acts of September 11th, 2001 on the North American Continent were Crimes Against Humanity, not of a “War of Terror” against the United States.

Along with the District of Columbia in being the U.S. Federal Capital, New York City is unique, both as the largest U.S. city and most representative of the global reach of the world’s Humanity—not only in but of the U.S.

The communities of New York City and the Pentagon (military or not)—including individuals of all races and sects, occupations and interests (yes, including the U.S. military, with its Islamic officers and enlisted men and women)—were unalterably changed that day, affected on the Human Scale at the local/regional level similar to the Gulf Coast’s Hurricane and oil conflagrations

A month ago at Gainesville, Florida, the “Dove World (Christian) Outreach Center” and its pastor, the reverend Terry Jones, called for an “International Burn the Quran” Day to be held on September 11th; moreover, a partisan political party (Republican), which is not representative of the U.S. as a whole, takes on as “a national campaign issue” the right of a previously-established Downtown Manhattan Islamic Center to move to more suitable quarters, a legal and economic option under both municipal, state and Federal law for any public or private, incorporated profit or chartered non-profit business and spiritual center, to do.

Both the above situations are reflective of the corrosive effects of the Bush-corporate fleeing/Obama mishandling of the Iraq/Afghanistan debacles being exploited by everyone at the expense of Climate Change.



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