

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

9/1/09

(Standup Week 225)

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: 4,337 US military wounded: 31,469

Iraqi civilians killed: 101,519* Money spent on war: \$678 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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Obama Makes Good On Promise, War in Afghanistan Escalates

By Chuck Zlatkin

August 2009 just passed July 2009 as the deadliest month in the eight-year war in Afghanistan. 45 American troops died in August after 44 died in July bringing the total number to 807. There have been 3,722 American troops wounded in Afghanistan since the start of the war.

When President Obama was running for office he made it crystal clear, that while he believed the war in Iraq was a mistake, as president he would escalate the war in Afghanistan. Obama has made good on his promise.

There are now 62,000 American troops in Afghanistan. This is the greatest number of American troops since the war began. There are at least 4,000 more American troops due before the end of the year. That number can change by presidential fiat at any time. The war is escalating rapidly as can be seen by the dramatic increase in the number of bombings by insurgents over the past few months in response to the increased U.S. action.

It is difficult to get accurate information on the Afghan civilians killed in this war. One figure that seems to be agreed upon is that in the first six months of this year 1,013 civilians were killed. The estimate since the war began is that over 20,000 civilians have been killed.

According to the National Priorities Project the cost of the War in Afghanistan is now over \$225 billion

Beginning next week, the Chelsea Stands Up Against The War's newsletter will include updated statistics on the war in Afghanistan in addition to continuing the numbers on Iraq.



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