

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 173)

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: 4,150 US military wounded: 30,568

Iraqi civilians killed: 94,622* Money spent on war: \$554 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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Dennis Kucinich and the Profits of War

By Kate Abell and Bob Martin

Dennis Kucinich, an early and consistent opponent of the war in Iraq, tied that war to the economic devastation in our own country and the soaring profits of those calling the shots:

“Wake up, America. In 2001, the oil companies, the war contractors and the neo-con artists seized the economy and have added 4 trillion dollars of unproductive spending to the national debt. We now pay four times more for defense, three times more for gasoline and home heating oil and twice what we paid for health care...

“Borrowed money to bomb bridges in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. No money to rebuild bridges in America...

If there was an Olympics for misleading, mismanaging and misappropriating, this administration would take the gold...They want another four-year term to continue to alienate our allies, spend our children’s inheritance and hollow out our economy. The speculators took over Wall Street...

The administration skillfully played our post-9/11 fears and allowed the few to profit at the expense of the many. Every day we get the color orange, while the oil companies, the insurance companies, the speculators, the war contractors get the color green.” (excerpts from speech at Democratic National Convention)

To us, this is the critical point. There is money, all right. But it is used to ensure the continual profits of those who already have more than they can possibly use. And death and destruction—of people in other lands, of lives and mental health of US soldiers, of the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness written into our Declaration of Independence—is a price that they are more than willing that we, the people, will pay.



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