

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 175)

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: 4,157 US military wounded: 30,634**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 95,504\* Money spent on war: \$558 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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## Winning God's War

By Carla Nordstrom

I recently read through quotes by George W. Bush's to find out if he has attributed the War on Iraq to God. Although I recall that he referred to us as a Christian nation and mentioned crusades, he hasn't brought God into this equation. John McCain has talked a lot about winning the war but he too avoids giving credit for the War on Iraq to God. Sarah Palin, the new darling of the Republican Party makes no bones about it, “our national leaders, are sending [the troops] out on a task that is from God.” She also suggests that we should pray for the war, “That's what we have to make sure that we're praying for, that there is a plan and that that plan is God's plan.”

My question to the candidates McCain and Palin is, “How do you win God's War?”

Clearly you can't end God's war without God's direction to do so. After five and a half years of waiting, it seems unlikely that God is going to help us extricate ourselves from this situation. It is also unlikely that we can win this war because God hasn't been inclined to lead us in that direction either.

So, it looks like we must continue to muddle on causing death and destruction in a foreign land and watching as our soldiers come back wounded or in body bags. While George Bush and John McCain avoid the real reasons that we are stuck in this quagmire, straight talking Sarah Palin has finally put this war where it undoubtedly belongs, in God's hands.

Psst—is it also God's will that we take such poor care of our veterans?



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