

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

9/18/07

(Standup Week 123)

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: 3,781 US military wounded: 27,848

Iraqi civilians killed: 72,537* Money spent on war: \$462 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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Petraeus?

It Is The Democrats Who Betray Us

By Chuck Zlatkin

The Bush administration’s fall offensive is a full-court press to continue the Iraq occupation. Bush’s crew knows full well that the only way the Iraq War continues is with more funding. They are fully aware that the real opposition to the war comes from people like you and me.

When General Petraeus and George W. Bush delivered the same message this past week they lied to the American people.

When the leadership of the Democratic Party keeps impeachment off the table, and tells us that they can’t end the war because they don’t have a veto-proof majority, they are also lying.

According to the U.S. Constitution, the Congress determines if this country should go to war. Congress also controls the purse. It is fundamentally dishonest of the Democrats to say that they can’t stop the war because they are not veto-proof. If the Democrats wanted to stop the war, all they have to do is garner 41 votes in the Senate for a filibuster of any Republican bill which funds the war.

The Democrats don’t have to pass a law to stop the war. They just need 41 votes to stop the Republican bill to fund the war.

The Democrats can show us that they want to stop the war by banding together to stop its funding.

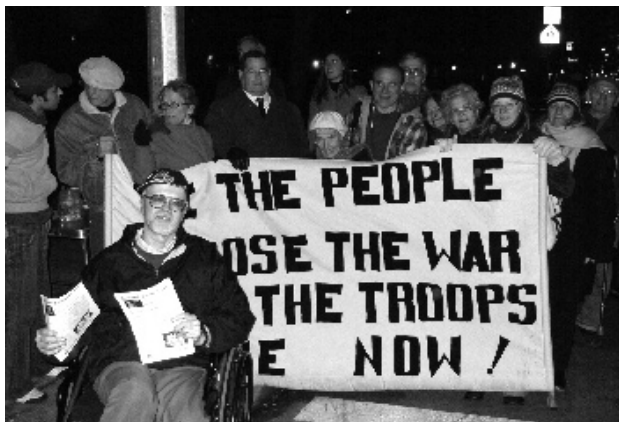


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Representative Jerrold Nadler (8th CD), who represents Chelsea in Congress, joined the Stand Up on 12/19/06.