

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 177)

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: 4,174 US military wounded: 30,662**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 95,866\* Money spent on war: \$562 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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## Who Will End the War?

By Chuck Zlatkin

The debate was between a reckless, angry, dedicated militarist and a young, energetic, intellectual, caring militarist.

This week’s financial crisis was difficult to understand and the proposed solution made every ordinary citizen angry—left, right and center. It should have made us think about Silverado, BCCI, Enron and all the other staged rip-offs that have victimized us in the past.

But whatever this was, it made it a lot easier for us to not think about what really happened on 9/11, why Bush and Cheney haven’t been impeached, and the fact that the occupation of Iraq continues.

One candidate promises victory in Iraq and the other to wind it down while winding up wars in Afghanistan, Pakistan and maybe even Iran. Silly me, I was hoping that some time in the future I might get to do something else on Tuesday nights.

The Iraq war, five and a half years old, has been funded into next year. We are told that the violence has diminished. My fear is that once the election is decided the violence will increase as the war is widened.

What is the solution for this madness? I don’t know for sure, but it certainly isn’t coming from our elected officials. Whatever it is that will get us out of this mess will have to come from us.

Everyone is going to tell you that you must vote. And I’m certainly not going to say something different. But this vote won’t end the war. If we want the war to end, we’re going to have to do something about it as citizens—left, right and center.



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