

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 178)

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: 4,177 US military wounded: 30,680

Iraqi civilians killed: 96,104* Money spent on war: \$564 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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Where Will the Next Iraq War Take Place?

By Randy Petsche

Continuing dissatisfaction with the Iraq War seems to dictate that the next president will have to reduce the size of the expeditionary forces and possibly even withdraw most combat troops by the end of his first administration after declaring victory. But this may not mean very much to the rest of us if a war or invasion occurs in yet another country.

Number One on the Hit Parade is Afghanistan, where both candidates agree more American troops belong. They disagree as to how aggressively neighboring Pakistan should be treated. McCain seems to play the dove, expressing admiration for the Pakistani generals while Obama wants to chase after Taliban “militants” on Pakistani soil.

Elsewhere the future is also bleak. Russia has advanced to the top of the hit list as growing encirclement of that country by NATO may be bolstered by a cornucopia of advanced U.S. missile systems. A faction at the Pentagon also likes to demonize China, whose long borders cry out for expensive encirclement.

Iran also remains a candidate for further action with the friends of Dick Cheney hot for major air strikes designed for our peace and protection.

The Chavez government of Venezuela is demonized in the American media on a daily basis. Whether the U.S. will go beyond financial support for a violent coup d’etat is an open question.

Finally, little Bolivia offers promise as a source for North American aggression. This miserably impoverished, landlocked country has finally made strides toward improving the standard of living of its Native American majority. To this the U.S. government has replied by trying to pry away several mineral rich provinces, and using its ambassador to work on this. Bolivia may yet prove a worthy target of U.S. troops.



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