

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 232)

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?

In Iraq

US military dead: **4,348**
US military wounded: **31,527**
Iraqi civilians killed: **102,083***
Money spent on war: **\$693 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **881**
US military wounded: **4,198**
Afghani civilians killed: **14,009**
Money spent on war: **\$229 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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SOME THINGS JUST DON'T ADD UP

By Jacqueline Schoenhaus-Barnett

There's something radically wrong with the way math gets done in this country. The numbers just don't add up the way we were taught in public school; so we can feel like we are living in a just society. Here are some of the latest mathematical contradictions that are supposed to make sense in a democratic society:

Major US banks and securities firms are about to pay their employees \$140 billion this year with Goldman Sachs set to pay at least \$20 billion in bonuses. This comes one year after taxpayer subsidies bailed out the banks with the promise of future regulation. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate is predicted to reach over 10% by the end of this year and foreclosures will reach a record high, with nearly 940,000 homes receiving default notices, a 23 percent increase from the previous year.

Concurrently, the U.S. is entering its ninth year of occupation in Afghanistan with 2009 having the highest number of soldiers killed (200) and August, the deadliest month, with 51 killed. However, according to CNN/ Opinion Research poll, 57% oppose the war in Afghanistan making this the strongest opposition since the war began.

Simultaneously, single payer healthcare opponents consider equal access to medical care way too costly. Even the compromise plan by Obama has been criticized as a form of socialized medicine. It would cost around \$900 billion over the next 10 years. But wait a minute... that's an annual cost that is less than the banks are handing out to their executives; and less than we've already spent on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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