

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

10/26/10

(Standup Week 285)

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: **4,426**
US military wounded: **32,899**
Iraqi civilians killed: **107,594***
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,346**
US military wounded: **8,825**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,052**
Money spent on war: **\$332 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 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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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WikiLeaks...a necessity for a failing democracy.

By Bob Martin

The essence, if not all the details, of what Assange and colleagues have exposed in WikiLeaks has been available information—and for a long time. US and foreign journalists of courage had already uncovered it and people of conscience marched, wrote, spoke and went to jail over it. What information? That we paid—paid with funds and lives that could work for constructive purpose at home—for an illegal invasion that bought lots and lots and lots of dead people, the destruction of a country’s infrastructure and the destruction of much of its natural environment.

But who were killed and who killed them is now “official” information. Pentagon spokespersons, “national security” experts, other government commentators and a bevy of right-wing talk-show hosts must now talk about it. They can cry foul, but can’t cover up the story. Their effort to do so will be great—big-money from big-oil, big-“defense” and big corporate allies is always available to undermine truth-telling—be it uncovering environmental devastation from fossil-fuels or human devastation from controlling access to them.

So, “If you see something, say something.” WikiLeaks showed you something. Let’s say stop—not just stop in Iraq, where mega-bases still support thousands of troops and contractors, but stop in Afghanistan... and Pakistan...and Yemen. If you say something now, then the list may not soon include Iran.

Say something.

And thank you to all who have—this is democracy.



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