

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

11/2/10

(Standup Week 286)

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: **4,427**
US military wounded: **32,900**
Iraqi civilians killed: **107,594***
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,353**
US military wounded: **8,951**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,122**
Money spent on war: **\$338 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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The New “CP” in the New “CSA; ...the ‘politics of choice’ in this election year”

By Richard Chilton

In his most recent column titled “Farewell Mon Amour: Prospects on Democracy’s Electoral Defeat” (10.26.10), Truthout.com’s Board Member Henry A. Giroux sums up this historic moment most nimbly, when he wrote:

“In the midst of one of the greatest economic disasters the United States has ever faced, the Gilded Age and its updated “‘dreamworlds’ of consumption, property and power’ have returned from the dead with zombie-like vengeance. Poised now to take over either one or two houses of Congress, the exorbitantly rich along with their conservative ideologues wax nostalgically for a chance to once again emulate that period in 19th century American history when corporations ruled political, economic and social life, and an allegedly rugged entrepreneurial spirit prevailed unchecked by the power of government regulations. Wild West, casino capitalism, unhampered by either ethical considerations or social costs, has reinvented itself and become the politics of choice in this election year.”

With all the consumer power of the Titanic, the Communist Party, er, Corporate Personhood (CP) has trumped the United States Constitution—first shackled to an 1893 Federal bankruptcy by the Civil War—and brought to its knees today by the fiscal legacy of Cold War militarism.

The new “politics of choice” is the “CP of the CSA,” the Republican/Democrat bipartisan-based Corporate Party of the Confederate States of, er, Corporate States of America, whose stockholder-sponsored, publicly-fought-and-paid-for wars in Pakistan/Afghanistan/Iraq amid the faux “War on Terror” brought you the Great Depression of the 21st Century.



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