

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 182)

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: 4,189 US military wounded: 30,764

Iraqi civilians killed: 96,900* Money spent on war: \$572 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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It's the War, Stupid!

By Carla Nordstrom

Here we are at the end of the longest presidential campaign in memory still living with a war that has no end. The war on Iraq may only be a blip in the presidential debate as we have become more focused on the economy, but as those of us who have been on the corner of 24th Street and 8th Avenue for the past 182 weeks can tell you, there is a war in Iraq.

We should not forget that this war is still the driving force behind the election of 2008. It was the war that changed people's perceptions of Republican leadership. It was the war that knocked out the most formidable of the presidential candidates. It was the war that landed us in our economic disaster. As we vote today, the war on Iraq must be foremost in our minds because ending this war is going to require our renewed attention.

We must refocus ourselves and our fellow citizens on the damage and destruction that has been caused by our war on Iraq. We must remind ourselves and fellow citizens that war, whether it is fought in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Pakistan, is not the way to resolve conflicts with others.

Forty years ago, another newly elected president promised to end another war without end. The war continued on for seven more years. We can't afford to let this year's president elect slink away from ending the war. We must be prepared to push whichever candidate wins, whether it is John McCain with his war winning strategy or Barak Obama with his long drawn out withdrawal to bring our troops home now.



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