

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

11/9/10

(Standup Week 287)

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: **107,706\***  
Money spent on war: **\$755 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,363**  
US military wounded: **9,095**  
Afghani civilians killed: **16,139**  
Money spent on war: **\$344 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+



## Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War

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## People Not Wars

By Chuck Zlatkin

The election is over and the wars remain. War wasn't an issue during the campaigns or the election. No matter who won in the Senate or the House, the War Party would triumph once again. Too many of the people who were excoriating George W. Bush for his war policies were now excusing or rationalizing Barack Obama continuing or expanding those same policies.

This past Saturday at St. Marks Church in NYC, the United National Antiwar Committee (UNAC) held a regional meeting. It was a standing room only crowd. People attended because they wanted to build the antiwar movement. Pointing towards a massive anti-war demonstration on April 9th, a series of actions are being planned.

Also at St. Marks Church that same evening, the Committee To Stop FBI Repression convened a national meeting to build a movement against FBI raids and the grand jury attempt to criminalize anti-war and international solidarity activists. The point is the activists had done nothing wrong and it is important that people speak out and organize to have the grand jury called off. It is clear that the Obama administration's justice department is intent upon disrupting the anti-war movement by intimidation.

There is much work for anti-war activists to take on, but we must defend those of us who have been singled out for harassment for exercising their first amendment rights.

Hopefully we will learn to sustain an anti-war movement that stays vibrant even during the various election seasons. Whether it is Republicans or Democrats in power there needs to be an active and growing anti-war movement for us to have any kind of chance.



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