

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 235)

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: **4,359**  
US military wounded: **31,557**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **102,424\***  
Money spent on war: **\$699 billion**

### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **916**  
US military wounded: **4,198**  
Afghani civilians killed: **14,029**  
Money spent on war: **\$231 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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## THE AFGHANISTAN DICTATORSHIP

By Randy Petsche

The American Presidency is still at it. Once again, the United States is expressing full-throated support for a corrupt dictatorship to further its foreign policy objectives. This time Afghanistan is the victim country.

Despite blatant fraud at the polls, President Obama and British Prime Minister Brown have sent a joint message of congratulations to the Karzai dictatorship on “winning” the recent elections. This display of solidarity merely repeats the American endorsement of dictatorships throughout the world.

Those of us who remember the Vietnam era cannot forget that three million Americans were sent there to prop up one corrupt Vietnamese politician after the next.

The Karzai clique is an isolated minority hiding in the capitol and is totally dependent on military protection by the NATO-U.S. forces. Karzai’s brother has recently been featured on the front page of The New York Times as both a drug exporter and a recipient of payments from the CIA. Afghanistan is widely believed to be one of the most corrupt nations on the globe and is by far the world’s largest exporter of opium products.

The Obama Administration has it all wrong. The United States does not “need” the Karzai Government or any other puppet regime to conduct its foreign policy. Instead of backing the Karzai regime Obama should order American troops and contractors out of Afghanistan.



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