

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

11/18/08

(Standup Week 184)

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: 4,199 US military wounded: 30,794**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 97,902\* Money spent on war: \$576 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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## Come January 20, 2009

## It Becomes Barack Obama's War

By Chuck Zlatkin

In his farewell address to the nation, President Dwight Eisenhower warned the American people to “guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.”

It is safe to assume that George W. Bush will not issue a similar warning. But millions of people around the world hope that Barack Obama will bring to the presidency a roadmap for peace. How will Obama deal with the ever-present and ever-growing military-industrial complex?

If his presidential appointments are any indication of where Barack Obama will be on the Iraq War, those of us who are looking for the long overdue end to this war are in trouble and the military-industrial complex will continue unabated.

Were there three bigger Democratic supporters of the Iraq War than Joe Biden, Rahm Emmanuel, and Hillary Clinton? As of this writing Hillary Clinton is rumored to be Obama's pick for Secretary of State. For a long time the only criticism that Hillary had of Bush/Cheney on the war was that there weren't enough troops deployed to guarantee victory. The war would have never gotten off the ground if it wasn't for Joe Biden's support in the Senate as chair of the Foreign Relations Committee. Rahm Emmanuel, as chair of the 2006 Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, excluded as many anti-war candidates as he could from being part of the Democratic majority in the 110th Congress.

On January 20th, 2009 it becomes Barack Obama's war and our responsibility to make sure that he does the right thing.



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