

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

12/2/08

(Standup Week 186)

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: 4,207 US military wounded: 30,832

Iraqi civilians killed: 97,762* Money spent on war: \$578 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 Fall of Triumphalism

By Bob Martin & Kate Abell

An article by Michel T. Klare in *The Nation* (Dec.15), *The Fall of Triumphalism*, highlights the changed world scene in which the U.S. wields increasingly less power. His article is based on a recently released study by the National Intelligence Council: *Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World*.

Klare writes that, among many trends discussed in the report, “Two key developments stand out above all others: the decline of America’s global primacy and the growing international competition for energy. One can read this extraordinary report on two levels: as a forceful indictment of the policies that have governed US foreign and energy policy for the past eight years and a clear-eyed look at the devastating repercussions of those policies stretching far into the future.

“If the Bush/Cheney administration ever stood for anything, it was the perpetuation of America’s dominant international role for decades to come. This vision of enduring primacy was sustained by a belief that US military power was more than sufficient to overcome any adversary —with or without the support of allies. It was with this confidence, this swagger, that the Bush/Cheney team initiated the invasion of Iraq. ‘By 2025,’ the NIC report suggests, ‘the US will find itself as one of a number of important actors on the world stage,’ forced to share power with other key players.”

The path forward is clear—might makes right is not only morally reprehensible but fundamentally untenable in a world where mutual respect and the sharing of solutions and resources are the only answers to the grave threats facing humanity as a whole. Out of Iraq, not into Afghanistan.



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