

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 189)

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: 4,210 US military wounded: 30,879

Iraqi civilians killed: 98,151* Money spent on war: \$584 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 Obama War Council

By Carla Nordstrom

In 2007 Barack Obama had a clear idea of why our involvement in Iraq should end. Now, not so much. With his support of leaving troops in Iraq for another sixteen months, President-elect Obama is doing exactly what George Bush and the Iraqi government had in mind. Keep this boondoggle going.

One group that is particularly blasé about ending the war is the newly appointed Obama cabinet. Beginning with Obama's selection of Joe Biden as Vice President, all but one of Obama appointments who served in the House or Senate in 2002 voted to authorize military force against Iraq. The sole exception was Hilda Solis, the Secretary of Labor designee. Although many of these nominees now say that the war was a mistake, none are passionate about ending the War on Iraq.

President-elect Obama also decided to keep Robert Gates on as Secretary of Defense, to maintain continuity. This is the man who brought us the Surge, which increased troop levels when the public made it very clear in 2006 that they wanted the war to end. Continuity would not be a goal if the new administration wanted to end the war.

Our soldiers will be spending their sixth holiday season in Iraq. Why prolong their stay for another two years? I maintain it is because Obama's 'team of rivals' has little interest in ending this war.

Holiday Greetings!

We'll be on this corner until the war ends
and the troops come home!



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