'I Helped Create ISIS': Iraq War Veteran Says US Policy Caused 'Blowback' In Middle East

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Former Marine Vincent Emanuele's acknowledgement of responsibility comes in an article that was posted on TeleSUR's English website, in which he hoped to answer the often raised question of "Where did ISIS come from?"

"When I was stationed in Iraq with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 2003-2005, I didn't know what the repercussions of the war would be, but I knew there would be a reckoning," he wrote at TeleSUR. "That retribution, otherwise known as blowback, is currently being experienced around the world (Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, France, Tunisia, California, and so on), with no end in sight."

Speaking with RT, Emanuele said his enlightenment came on his second tour to Iraq and was the result of a simple question.

"I saw my fellow Marines kill innocent people, torture innocent civilians, destroying property, mutilating dead bodies, running over dead corpses, laughing and photographing people while doing so," he said. "For me it was very simple. I sat there in Iraq and I asked myself 'How would I behave?' 'What would I think if I was in the shoes of the Iraqi people?'"