

U.S. Struggles to Convince Iraqis That Washington Doesn't Support ISIS

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"They took out Saddam in two weeks, but they can't finish IS in two years?" asked Falih, another Iraqi who asked that his last name not be used out of security concerns. "It just doesn't make sense."

This latest report serves as a reminder of just how thin the US-led international game of supporting extremist militants has become.

The most comical part of this story is how US military court scribes at the Associated Press are still in *denial* that Iraqis are harboring ill will against the US for suffocating (via crippling sanctions), bombing and destroying, looting and occupying their country over the last 25 years.

Aside from numerous reports showing [US weapons and equipment being dropped "by accident"](#) and then used by ISIS, it's undeniable by now that [the US have been the primary driver in fueling the rise and growth of this militant fighting group](#) over the last 7 years.

Associated Press writers are very careful to frame this narrative and advance the establishment's favorite meme that the debacle of Iraq was down to US "government incompetence", rather than inherent malice - [even though history clearly demonstrates](#) that *malice* has been omnipresent in US foreign policy for at least the last 70 years.

"Why can't they (the Iraqis) appreciate what we've done for them?" *Seriously...*



Ironically, it is worth noting that Iraqi skepticism is tacitly acknowledged by the Pentagon's mouthpiece (Military Times) According to Sinan Salaheddin and Susannah George writing in AP/MilitaryTimes.com

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operations in Syria. On Tuesday a U.S. Navy SEAL was the third serviceman to die fighting ISIS in Iraq.

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