

# [***FACT CHECK: No, Video Does Not Show Su-27s Chasing A SR-71 Spying On Russia; 'The SR-71 was retired in 1998. The video was taken from Digital Combat Simulator, a flight simulator'***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6C0K-94R1-JBFB-H002-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A video [*shared on X*](https://twitter.com/mog_Russ/status/1788268851248935005) claims to show Russian Su-27s chasing an American SR-71 Blackbird spying on Russia.

طائرتان روسيتان من طراز Su-27 تطاردان طائرة تابعة للقوات الجوية الأمريكية SR-71 Blackbird تتجسس على روسيا في وقت سابق. [*pic.twitter.com/xU6bsdGH9X*](https://t.co/xU6bsdGH9X)

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**Verdict: False**

The SR-71 was retired in 1998. The video was taken from Digital Combat Simulator, a flight simulator.

**Fact Check:**

Social media users are sharing a video claiming to show Su-27s chasing an American SR-71 Blackbird spying on Russia. One user wrote, “Two Russian Su-27s chase a US Air Force SR-71 Blackbird spying on Russia earlier.”

This claim, however, is false. Through a reverse image search, Check Your Fact found that the video was posted to [*YouTube*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZICiF7Y3rM) with the title, “Russian Su-27 fighter jets attempt to intimidate a USAF SR-71 Blackbird,” on May 7, 2024.

“Russian Su-27 fighter jets attempt to intimidate a USAF SR-71 Blackbird, sometime during the Cold War era,” reads the video description, which also notes that the video was made “with DCS.”

Furthermore, the SR-71 is now in service with the United States military, according to the

[*National Museum of the United States Air Force*](https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Museum-Exhibits/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/198054/lockheed-sr-71a/)

. The aircraft was first retired in 1990, before several were reactivated and retired again in 1998, Beale Air Force Base website

[*states*](https://www.beale.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2102872/legendary-sr-71-blackbird/#:~:text=It%20was%20later%20reactivated%20for,in%20the%20history%20of%20aviation.)

. “The last ever SR-71 flight took place at the Edwards Air Force Base Open House Air Show on Oct. 9, 1999,” the website further reads.

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**Graphic**

A Russian Su-27 aircraft dumps fuel while flying upon a U.S. Air Force intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance unmanned MQ-9 aircraft over the Black Sea, March 14, 2023 in this still image taken from a handout video.

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