

Claim

Claim: "American football player Colin Kaepernick said he will go to Russia if not properly respected in the United States."

Actions

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web_search("Colin Kaepernick Russia statement")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

Reuters published a fact-check article stating that the claim originated in a satirical article. The article quotes a Kaepernick spokesman as saying that the former NFL player "loves America and would never think about leaving." (<https://www.reuters.com/article/world/fact-check-article-saying-colin-kaepernick-has-threatened-to-leave-the-united-s-idUSKBN27I2D7/>)

A Business Insider article discusses a Senate report stating that Russian trolls used the NFL kneeling debate and Colin Kaepernick to stoke racial divisions



. Wired discusses Russian disinformation campaigns that amplified anti-Nike sentiment related to Kaepernick's protest. (<https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-trolls-used-colin-kaepernick-nfl-kneeling-debate-divide-2019-10>, <https://www.wired.com/story/nike-boycott-colin-kaepernick-russia-twitter/>)

Elaboration

The claim is false. A Reuters fact-check article states that the claim originated in a satirical article, and a Kaepernick spokesman said that he "would never think about leaving" the United States (<https://www.reuters.com/article/world/fact-check-article-saying-colin-kaepernick-has-threatened-to-leave-the-united-s-idUSKBN27I2D7/>). The evidence also shows

that Russian trolls used Kaepernick's actions to stoke racial divisions (<https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-trolls-used-colin-kaepernick-nfl-kneeling-debate-divide-2019-10>, <https://www.wired.com/story/nike-boycott-colin-kaepernick-russia-twitter/>).

Final Judgement

The claim that Colin Kaepernick said he would go to Russia if not properly respected in the United States is false. A Reuters fact-check article indicates the claim originated in a satirical article, and a Kaepernick spokesman stated he would not leave the U.S. Furthermore, evidence suggests Russian disinformation campaigns amplified the controversy surrounding Kaepernick's actions.

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Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. A Reuters fact-check (<https://www.reuters.com/article/world/fact-check-article-saying-colin-kaepernick-has-threatened-to-leave-the-united-s-idUSKBN27I2D7/>) found the statement originated in satire, and a spokesperson for Kaepernick denied the claim.