

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 stating the claim originated in a satirical article. The article quoted a Kaepernick spokesman saying that he "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 how Russian trolls used the NFL kneeling debate and Colin Kaepernick to stoke racial divisions



. (<https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-trolls-used-colin-kaepernick-nfl-kneeling-debate-divide-2019-10>)

A Wired article discusses Kaepernick's activism and the reaction to his Nike advertisement, mentioning that Russian disinformation campaigns amplified anti-Nike sentiment on Twitter, but does not mention any statements by Colin Kaepernick about going to Russia. (<https://www.wired.com/story/nike-boycott-colin-kaepernick-russia-twitter/>)

Elaboration

The claim is false. A Reuters fact check indicates the statement originated in a satirical article. Furthermore, a Kaepernick spokesman stated that he "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/>)

Final Judgement

The claim that Colin Kaepernick said he would go to Russia if not properly respected in the United States is false. The statement originated in a satirical article, and a Kaepernick spokesman denied the claim.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. A Reuters fact check found the statement originated in a satirical article, and a Kaepernick spokesman denied the claim, stating he would never leave the United States (<https://www.reuters.com/article/world/fact-check-article-saying-colin-kaepernick-has-threatened-to-leave-the-united-s-idUSKBN27I2D7/>).