

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



. The Wired article mentions that Russian disinformation campaigns amplified anti-Nike sentiment related to Kaepernick's protest.

The sources are: <https://www.reuters.com/article/world/fact-check-article-saying-colin-kaepernick-has-threatened-to-leave-the-united-s-idUSKBN27I2D7/>, <https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-trolls-used-colin-kaepernick-nfl-kneeling-debate-divide-2019-10>, and <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. A Kaepernick spokesman said that he "loves America and would never think about leaving" the country.

# Final Judgement

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

false

**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/>) indicates the statement originated in a satirical article. Furthermore, a Kaepernick spokesperson stated that he "loves America and would never think about leaving."