

# 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, but does not mention any statement by Kaepernick about going to Russia.

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."

## Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. The evidence indicates that the statement originated in satire and was refuted by Kaepernick's representative. false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

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 (<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, and a Kaepernick spokesperson denied the claim.