

Claim

Claim: "Majority Leader John Thune blocked Senator Adam Schiff's committee assignments because of his past work in the Russia investigation over Donald Trump."

Actions

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web_search("John Thune Adam Schiff committee assignments")
web_search("John Thune blocks Adam Schiff committee assignments Russia
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

The article from ACEC.org discusses the Senate committee assignments for the 119th Congress, mentioning that Senator Adam Schiff (D-CA) was assigned to the Finance Committee and that Senate Republican Leader John Thune (R-SD) and Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) announced the committee assignments. [

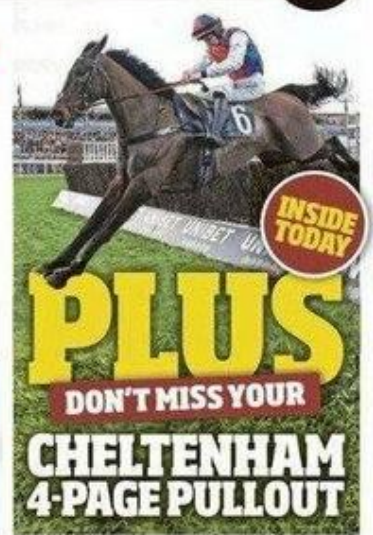


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] The document from torreydc.com lists the Senate Committee Assignments for the 119th Congress, with Adam Schiff (D-CA) assigned to several committees and John Thune (R-SD) assigned to others. The document does not mention any blocking of committee assignments. The document from hklaw.com lists the committee assignments for the House of Representatives and the Senate for the 118th Congress. Adam Schiff is listed as a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, and John Thune is listed as a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

- <https://www.acec.org/news/last-word-blog/post/senate-leaders-finalize-committee-assignments-for-the-119th-congress/>
- <https://torreydc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Senate-Committee-Assignments-119-Congress-Printable.pdf>
- <https://www.hklaw.com/-/media/files/insights/eyes/2023/02/118thcongresscommitteeassignments.pdf>

Evidence from web_search

From [Source](#): Content: The Associated Press published an article about Adam Schiff, mentioning his role as the lead impeachment prosecutor against Donald Trump. [image:i](#) The article states that Schiff has been a frequent target of conservatives since the then GOP-led House Intelligence Committee started investigating Trump's ties to Russia in the 2016 election.

Elaboration

The evidence does not support the claim that John Thune blocked Adam Schiff's committee assignments because of his past work in the Russia investigation. The search results mention committee assignments for both senators but do not indicate any blocking. One article mentions Schiff's role in the Russia investigation, but it does not link this to any action by Thune regarding committee assignments.

The provided evidence is insufficient to verify the claim. More information is needed to confirm whether Thune took any action to block Schiff's committee assignments and the reasons behind such actions.

Actions

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web_search("John Thune statement Adam Schiff committee assignments")
web_search("Adam Schiff committee assignments blocked John Thune reason
```

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The search results do not provide any information about John Thune blocking Adam Schiff's committee assignments. One article discusses John Thune's concerns about a commission and another mentions Thune's plans as Senate Majority Leader, but neither mentions any action related to Schiff's committee assignments.

- <https://www.aei.org/op-eds/senate-republicans-unforced-error-on-the-capitol-riot-commission/>
- <https://hhs.com/news-detail.php?postid=thune-previews-plans-for-2025-reconciliation-bills>

Elaboration

The evidence continues to lack information to support the claim. The search results do not mention John Thune blocking Adam Schiff's committee assignments. Therefore, the claim cannot be verified.

Actions

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web_search("Adam Schiff committee assignments 2023")
web_search("John Thune statement on Adam Schiff committee assignments")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

From [Source](#): Content: The Wikipedia article on Adam Schiff states that he was removed from the House Intelligence Committee by Kevin McCarthy. It also mentions that Schiff was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2024. The article also mentions Schiff's committee assignments for the 118th Congress, including the Committee on the Judiciary. [image:i](#)

Evidence from web_search

From [Source](#): Content: The article from scdailygazette.com, published on January 3, 2025, reports on John Thune's first speech as U.S. Senate Majority Leader. [image:i](#) Thune pledged to protect the filibuster. The article mentions Adam Schiff and Andy Kim took their oaths in December. The article does not mention Thune blocking Schiff's committee assignments.

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Adam Schiff was removed from the House Intelligence Committee by Kevin McCarthy. However, the evidence does not support the claim that John Thune blocked Adam Schiff's committee assignments. The search results show that Thune is the Senate Majority Leader and that Schiff was assigned to committees. The evidence does not provide any statement from Thune regarding Schiff's committee assignments. Therefore, the claim is not supported by the evidence.

Final Judgement

The fact-check reveals that while Adam Schiff faced removal from a House committee, there's no evidence to suggest John Thune blocked his committee assignments. The search results show Schiff's assignments and Thune's role as Senate Majority Leader, but no indication of Thune taking action to block Schiff. Therefore, the claim is not supported by the available evidence. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is not supported by the evidence. While Adam Schiff was removed from the House Intelligence Committee by Kevin McCarthy, there is no evidence that John Thune blocked Schiff's committee assignments. The search results show Schiff's committee assignments and Thune's role as Senate Majority Leader, but no indication of Thune taking action to block Schiff's assignments.