

# 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 blocked 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 and mentions that Adam Schiff (D-CA) was assigned to the Finance Committee.



The document also provides links to the full lists of Republican and Democrat appointments. [Source](#)

A document lists the Senate Committee Assignments for the 119th Congress. John Thune is listed as a member of the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and the Finance Committee. Adam Schiff is listed as a member of the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. [Source](#) Another document lists the committee assignments for the House of Representatives and the Senate. 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. [Source](#)

## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Adam Schiff was assigned to several committees, including the Finance Committee, and the House Committee on the Judiciary. John Thune was assigned to committees such as the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

The evidence does not explicitly state that John Thune blocked Adam Schiff's committee assignments. Therefore, the claim cannot be verified based on the provided information.

To verify the claim, information is missing about whether John Thune had the power to block Adam Schiff's assignments and whether he did so. Also, it is missing whether the reason for blocking was Schiff's past work in the Russia investigation.

## Actions

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web_search("John Thune Adam Schiff committee assignments blocking")
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web_search("Adam Schiff committee assignments blocked reason")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **web\_search**

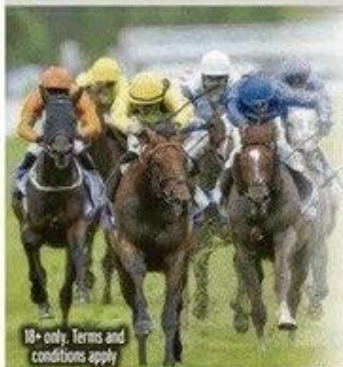
From [Source](#): Content: The article from Talking Points Memo, published on April 2, 2025, discusses Adam Schiff's intention to place a hold on the nomination of Ed Martin.



The article mentions that Schiff is a Senate Judiciary Committee member. The article also mentions that senators have the authority to place a hold on a presidential nominee. The article does not mention John Thune.

### Evidence from **web\_search**

The CNN article from January 25, 2023, reports that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy denied Adam Schiff a seat on the House Intelligence Committee, citing the misuse of the panel during the 116th and 117th Congresses as the reason.



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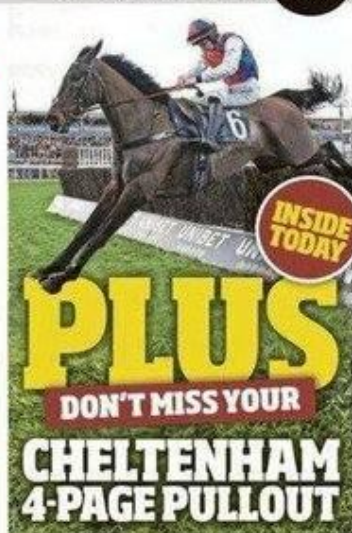
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The NPR article also reports that McCarthy blocked Schiff from serving on the House Intelligence Committee, stating that Schiff's actions undermined national security.



Schiff stated that McCarthy's actions were political retribution for Schiff's role in the impeachment of Donald Trump. The PBS article discusses a censure resolution against Adam Schiff for comments he made about investigations into Donald Trump's ties to Russia and mentions that McCarthy said he would block Schiff from the House intelligence committee.

The provided sources do not mention John Thune.

## **Elaboration**

The evidence indicates that Kevin McCarthy, not John Thune, blocked Adam Schiff from serving on the House Intelligence Committee. The reasons cited were the misuse of the panel and political retribution for Schiff's role in the impeachment of Donald Trump. The claim is not supported by the evidence.

## **Final Judgement**

The evidence indicates that Kevin McCarthy, not John Thune, blocked Adam Schiff from serving on the House Intelligence Committee. The claim that John Thune blocked Adam Schiff's committee assignments is not supported by the evidence.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## **Justification**

The claim is false. Evidence from multiple sources, including CNN and NPR, indicates that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, not John Thune, blocked Adam Schiff from serving on the House Intelligence Committee, citing the misuse of the panel and political retribution for Schiff's role in the impeachment of Donald Trump. [Source](#)