

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 that Colin Kaepernick threatened to leave the United States originated in a satirical article on the website DailyWorldUpdate.us. (<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



. A Wired article mentions that Russian disinformation campaigns amplified anti-Nike sentiment related to Kaepernick's protest, but does not mention any statement by Kaepernick about going to Russia. (<https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-trolls-used-colin-kaepernick-nfl-kneeling-debate-divide-2019-10>, <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. The evidence also shows that Russian trolls used the NFL kneeling debate and Colin Kaepernick to stoke racial divisions.

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.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. A fact-check by Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/article/world/fact-check-article-saying-colin-kaepernick-has-threatened-to-leave-the-united-s-idUSKBN27I2D7/>) indicates that the statement originated in a satirical article.