



# Women take abortion pills in Northern Ireland protest



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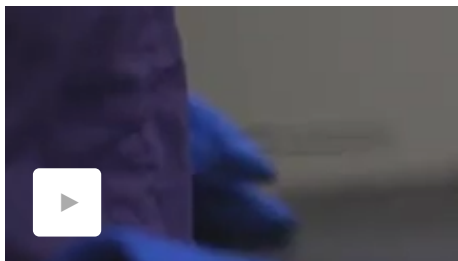
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complex, before three women flanked by others dressed in "Handmaid's Tale" outfits swallowed the tablets.

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Police officers seized the pills and robot, and attempted to lead one woman away. They eventually left without detaining her.

Protest organizers didn't say whether the women were pregnant, noting that it would be illegal for them to take the pills if they were. They said the robot was being operated from the Netherlands to avoid breaching the law.

Eleanor Crossey Malone, one of those who swallowed a pill, said she acted "in defiance of the extremely outdated, medieval, anti-choice laws that exist in Northern Ireland."

"We are bringing it into the spotlight in order to demand that politicians take action on this immediately and extend the 1967 Abortion Act to Northern Ireland," she said.

Some British lawmakers are calling on Prime Minister Theresa May's government to change Northern Ireland's abortion law.

The government says that is a matter for Northern Ireland's Belfast-based administration, which is currently suspended amid a dispute between the main Catholic and Protestant parties.

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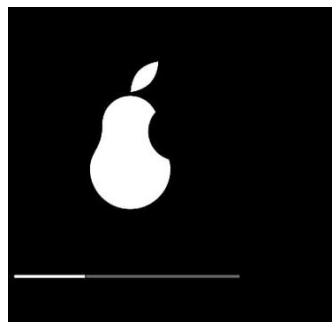
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President Trump tweeted Thursday that he "never fired James Comey because of Russia" — despite past statements and recent reports that Russia did come into play.



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"Not that it matters but I never fired James Comey because of Russia!" the president tweeted early Thursday. "The Corrupt Mainstream Media loves to keep pushing that narrative, but they know it is not true!"

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then-Acting Director Andrew McCabe

The tweet followed reports first published by [the New York Times](#) Wednesday of a memo written by then-Acting Director Andrew McCabe that detailed a conversation with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein regarding former FBI Director James Comey. A source close to the matter told ABC that in the memo McCabe described how Rosenstein allegedly told him Trump asked him to mention Russia in his May 9 letter recommending Comey's firing.

**Former FBI deputy director wrote memo detailing discussion with deputy attorney general: Source**



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James Comey, former director of the FBI, arrives to a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing in Washington, June 8, ...

A representative for McCabe declined to comment for this story, and a Justice Department spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Last May, the White House said Trump used letters from Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Rosenstein that cited Comey's handling of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of private email servers in his decision to fire Comey.

But Trump later seemed to contradict himself in an interview with NBC News' Lester Holt when said he considered "this Russia thing" in making the decision.



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"When I decided to just do it, I said to myself, I said, 'You know, this Russia thing with Trump and Russia is a made up story, it's an excuse by the Democrats for having lost an election that they should have won,'" Trump said in the interview.

### **Trump had Russia on his mind when he decided to fire Comey**

It's been over a year since Comey was fired and special counsel Robert Mueller began his investigation into possible Trump campaign ties with Russia.



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