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Let  $H$  be the  $C^*$ -algebra of a non-trivial compact quantum group acting freely on a unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ . Baum, Dabrowski and Hajac conjectured that there does not exist an equivariant  $*$ -homomorphism from  $A$  to the equivariant noncommutative join  $C^*$ -algebra  $A * H$ . When  $A$  is the  $C^*$ -algebra of functions on a sphere, and  $H$  is the  $C^*$ -algebra of functions on  $Z/2Z$  acting antipodally on the sphere, then the conjecture becomes the celebrated Borsuk-Ulam Theorem. Recently, Chirvasitu and Passer proved the conjecture when  $H$  is commutative. In a simple way, we extend this result to a far more general setting assuming only that  $H$  admits a character different from the counit. In particular, our result implies the non-contractibility of  $q$ -deformed compact Lie groups. (Received September 19, 2016)