

Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's statement in an AP news interview from February 1, 2025 that his country's military has received only a portion of the more than 175 billion in U.S. aid confirms that the US aid is a money laundering operation."

Actions

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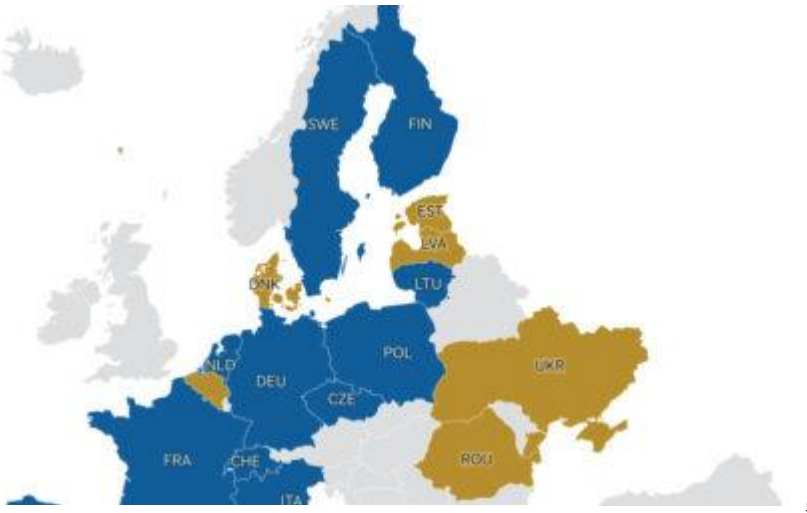
Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The Associated Press ([Source](#)) and U.S. News & World Report ([Source](#)) reported on an AP interview with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on February 1, 2025. Zelenskyy discussed the war in Ukraine, potential talks between the U.S. and Russia, and the need for in-person meetings to develop more detailed agreements.

The AP also published an interview with Zelenskyy on February 1, 2025 ([Source](#))





AP

[REDACTED]. Zelenskyy stated that excluding Ukraine from talks would be "very dangerous." The articles do not mention the amount of U.S. aid received by Ukraine.

Evidence from web_search

The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) released an audit of the DoD's execution of funds to assist Ukraine, which revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion. The report is from 2025. [Source](#)

The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) published a fact sheet dated February 8, 2024, addressing claims about US aid to Ukraine.

CLAIM	FACT
<i>US aid to Ukraine lacks oversight and is being misused because of corruption in Ukraine.</i>	US oversight is extensive, and Ukrainian government oversight and accountability are extensive and growing.
<i>The United States is giving more support to Ukraine than Europe, and Europe hasn't stepped up.</i>	America's European, Asian, and NATO allies have committed \$178 billion to supporting Ukraine, which is more than the US will have committed counting the aid package currently under consideration.
<i>Ukraine is another "forever war" for the United States.</i>	This is not an American war. It's another nation's war against an American enemy.
<i>Sending military aid to Ukraine degrades America's military readiness.</i>	Sending military aid to Ukraine is enabling the United States to modernize its own military to be better prepared to fight the next war.
<i>The United States is sending Ukraine a "blank check."</i>	The United States has not given Ukraine a "blank check." Congress has appropriated specific amounts to be used for specific purposes. Both Ukrainian and US officials monitor the aid to ensure that it is used for those purposes.

The fact sheet states that US aid to Ukraine has extensive oversight and is not being misused due to corruption. It also mentions that America's allies have committed more than \$178 billion to support Ukraine. The fact sheet also claims that the US is not sending Ukraine a "blank check."

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Elaboration

The evidence does not support the claim that Zelenskyy's statement confirms the US aid is a money laundering operation. The AP interview with Zelenskyy on February 1, 2025, does not mention the amount of US aid received by Ukraine. The evidence does mention that America's allies have committed more than \$178 billion to support Ukraine.

The DoD OIG audit revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion. However, the Institute for the Study of War (ISW) fact sheet states that US aid to Ukraine has extensive oversight and is not being misused due to corruption.

The claim is not verifiable due to the lack of information about Zelenskyy's statement regarding the amount of US aid received.

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web_search("Zelenskyy AP interview February 1 2025 US aid amount")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

In an interview with the Associated Press, Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated that Ukraine has received only a portion of the US aid. Izvestia reports that Zelenskyy said Kiev had only received more than \$75 billion from Washington, while Al Jazeera states that Zelenskyy said Ukraine's military has received only a portion of the billions in US aid earmarked for Ukraine's defense against Russia, citing a total of \$177bn or \$200bn spent by the US. Pravda.com.ua reports that Zelenskyy stated that Ukraine has received about US\$76 billion



of the approximately US\$177 billion in aid approved by the US.





Elaboration

Zelenskyy stated in an AP interview that Ukraine has received only a portion of the US aid. Multiple sources, including Izvestia, Al Jazeera, and Pravda.com.ua, report on this statement. Zelenskyy mentioned receiving over \$75 billion, while the US had earmarked \$177 billion or \$200 billion. The DoD OIG audit revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion.

The claim is partially supported. Zelenskyy's statement confirms that Ukraine has received only a portion of the US aid. However, the evidence does not directly confirm that the US aid is a money laundering operation.

Final Judgement

The claim is partially supported. Zelenskyy did state in an AP interview that Ukraine had received only a portion of the US aid. However, the evidence does not directly confirm that the US aid is a money laundering operation. The DoD OIG audit revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is **false**. While Zelenskyy stated in an AP interview that Ukraine had received only a portion of the US aid, the evidence does not directly confirm that the US aid is a money laundering operation. The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) audit revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion.