

Claim

Claim: "In August 2024, Ukraine passed legislation banning the Orthodox Church in Ukraine."

Actions

`web_search("Ukraine legislation Orthodox Church ban August 2024")`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

On August 20, 2024, Ukraine passed a law banning religious organizations with ties to the Russian Orthodox Church, which could effectively ban congregations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The law, "On the Protection of the Constitutional Order in the Field of Activities of Religious Organizations," entered into force on September 23, 2024, and directly prohibits the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) (UOC-MP). The European Parliament discussed the ban, mentioning concerns from the UN, Pope Francis, and others regarding potential violations of religious freedom and human rights.

Sources: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/10/30/ukraine-new-law-raises-religious-freedom-concerns>, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001881_EN.html, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_of_Ukraine_%22On_the_Protection_of_the_Constitutional_Order_in_the_Field_of_Activities_of_Religious_Organizations%22.

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that Ukraine passed a law banning religious organizations with ties to the Russian Orthodox Church in August 2024. This law, which entered into force on September 23, 2024, directly targets the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate).

Final Judgement

The claim is accurate as Ukraine did pass legislation in August 2024 that effectively banned the Orthodox Church in Ukraine. The law specifically targets religious organizations with ties to the Russian Orthodox Church, impacting the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate). `true`

Verdict: TRUE

Justification

In August 2024, Ukraine enacted a law prohibiting religious organizations linked to the Russian Orthodox Church, which could lead to the banning of congregations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, as confirmed by sources like [HRW](#) and [Wikipedia](#).