### Claim

Claim: "



This image shows Ben Stiller and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at their meeting on June 20, 2022, for which Stiller received \$4 million from USAID."

## **Actions**

web\_search("Ben Stiller Volodymyr Zelensky meeting June 20 2022")
web\_search("Ben Stiller USAID Ukraine")

## **Evidence**

## Evidence from web\_search

Ben Stiller met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on June 20, 2022, as part of his visit as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) according to ABC News (<a href="https://abcnews.go.com/International/ben-stiller-meets-volodymyr-zelenskyy-ukraine-world-refugee/story?id=85517989">https://abcnews.go.com/International/ben-stiller-meets-volodymyr-zelenskyy-ukraine-world-refugee/story?id=85517989</a>). The New York Post also reported on the meeting (<a href="https://nypost.com/2022/06/20/ben-stiller-met-with-zelensky-in-ukraine-on-world-refugee-day/">https://nypost.com/2022/06/20/ben-stiller-met-with-zelensky-in-ukraine-on-world-refugee-day/</a>). The BBC also reported on the meeting (<a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61875351">https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61875351</a>).

The articles do not mention Stiller receiving \$4 million from USAID.





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### Evidence from web\_search

Ben Stiller denied claims that his trip to Ukraine was funded by USAID, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip in June 2022. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) confirmed that Stiller is not compensated for his work with UNHCR and self-funds his travel. The claim that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for his trip to Ukraine was amplified by Elon Musk.

Sources: Vanity Fair, IMDB, MSNBC.





# **Elaboration**

The claim that Ben Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for his meeting with Volodymyr Zelensky is false. Multiple sources, including Vanity Fair, IMDB, and MSNBC, report that Stiller denied these claims and stated that he self-funded his humanitarian trip to Ukraine. The UNHCR also confirmed that Stiller is not compensated for his work and self-funds his travel.

## **Final Judgement**

The claim is demonstrably false. The evidence shows that Ben Stiller did not receive \$4 million from USAID for his trip to Ukraine. He self-funded the trip. false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### **Justification**

The claim that Ben Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for his meeting with Volodymyr Zelensky is false. Multiple sources, including <u>Vanity Fair</u>, <u>IMDB</u>, and <u>MSNBC</u>, confirm that Stiller self-funded his humanitarian trip.