

# Claim

Claim: "E! News reported that the United States Agency Aid and Development (USAID) paid millions for celebrities to visit Ukraine."

## Actions

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image_search("E! News USAID Ukraine celebrities")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from `image_search`

BBC Verify analyzed an image claiming E! News reported that USAID sponsored American celebrity visits to Ukraine (



). Gwaramedia.com debunks a claim that E! News released a video about Hollywood stars receiving USAID money for visits to Ukraine, showing a screenshot of a tweet with the E! News logo and the text "USAID sponsored American celebrity visits to Ukraine after Russia's full-scale invasion began" (



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Vanity Fair discusses Ben Stiller's denial of Elon Musk's retweet claiming USAID funded celebrities' trip to Ukraine (



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## **Elaboration**

The evidence suggests that the claim is likely false. BBC Verify analyzed an image that falsely claimed E! News reported on USAID sponsoring celebrity visits to Ukraine. Gwaramedia.com debunked a similar claim, showing a screenshot with the E! News logo. Additionally, Vanity Fair reported on Ben Stiller denying a related claim.

## **Final Judgement**

The evidence indicates that the claim is false. Multiple sources debunked the claim that E! News reported on USAID funding celebrity visits to Ukraine.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## **Justification**

The claim that E! News reported USAID paid for celebrities to visit Ukraine is false. Multiple sources, including BBC Verify and Gwaramedia.com, debunked the claim, and Vanity Fair reported on a related denial by Ben Stiller.