

Claim

Claim: "After Donald Trump won the US presidential election in 2024, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said that 'If Trump surrenders Ukraine to Putin, he will personally expel the United States from the alliance'."

Actions

`web_search("Mark Rutte Trump Ukraine Putin NATO")`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

The NATO website (https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/opinions_237051.htm) contains remarks by NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte with Donald J. Trump at the White House, discussing support for Ukraine. An NPR article (<https://www.npr.org/2025/07/14/nx-s1-5467272/russia-ukraine-war-trump-nato-weapons-tariffs>) from July 14, 2025, discusses a meeting between Trump and Rutte, Trump's threats of tariffs, and his promise to provide weapons to Ukraine through NATO. The article includes images of Trump and Mark Rutte (



CBS News (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-nato-secretary-general-mark-rutte-meeting-ukraine-russia/>) reports on a meeting between Trump and Rutte, mentioning the Russia-Ukraine conflict and Trump considering authorizing fresh funding for Ukraine. The article includes images of Mark Rutte (



) and Donald Trump (



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Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Mark Rutte and Donald Trump met and discussed the Russia-Ukraine conflict. However, the provided sources do not contain the specific quote attributed to Rutte in the claim.

Therefore, the claim cannot be verified based on the available evidence.

Actions

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web_search("Mark Rutte Trump expel US NATO Putin Ukraine")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

From [Source](#): Content: The Euronews article, published on November 20, 2024, debunks the claim that Mark Rutte threatened to expel the US from NATO if Trump surrenders Ukraine to Putin. The article states that NATO has no mechanism to expel a member and that a spokesperson called the claim "bogus". The article also mentions that Rutte congratulated Trump on his victory and emphasized the importance of the US's leadership within NATO.



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Elaboration

The Euronews article explicitly debunks the claim. It states that the NATO spokesperson called the claim "bogus" and that NATO has no mechanism to expel a member.

Final Judgement

The provided evidence from Euronews directly contradicts the claim. The article states that the claim is false and that NATO has no mechanism to expel a member.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. A Euronews article (<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/11/20/no-natos-chief-has-not-threatened-to-expel-us>) debunks the statement, reporting that a NATO spokesperson called the claim "bogus" and that NATO has no mechanism to expel a member.