

# Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the U.S. will have 'to send their sons and daughters' to die for Ukraine after having a heated exchange with U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House in February 2025."

## Actions

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web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy Donald Trump White House February 2025")
web_search("Zelenskyy US sons daughters die Ukraine")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from web\_search

The provided sources describe a contentious meeting between Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Donald Trump at the White House on February 28, 2025. Articles from Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025\\_Trump%E2%80%93Zelenskyy\\_Oval\\_Office\\_meeting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025_Trump%E2%80%93Zelenskyy_Oval_Office_meeting)) and Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/28/key-takeaways-from-the-fiery-white-house-meeting-with-trump-and-zelenskyy>) detail disagreements over a deal for Ukraine's rare earth minerals and security assurances.

NPR (<https://www.npr.org/2025/02/28/nx-s1-5312076/zelenskyy-s-visit-to-the-white-house-ends-abruptly-after-oval-office-spat>) also reported on the meeting, noting it ended abruptly after a spat. None of the articles mention Zelenskyy stating the U.S. would have to send their sons and daughters to die for Ukraine.

### Evidence from web\_search

Multiple fact-check articles from various news sources, including Yahoo News (<https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-zelenskyy-saying-us-120000537.html>), VOA News (<https://www.voanews.com/a/no-zelenskyy-did-not-say-american-sons-and-daughters-will-have-to-die-in-ukraine/6993247.html>) and CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/02/politics/fact-check-zelensky-americans-fighting-ukraine-video>), debunk the claim that Zelenskyy said the U.S. would have to send their sons and daughters to die for Ukraine.

These articles clarify that Zelenskyy was discussing a hypothetical scenario where a loss for Ukraine could lead to a broader conflict involving American soldiers. The CNN article

includes an image  with a checkmark.

## Elaboration

The claim is false. Multiple fact-checking articles from reputable news sources, such as Yahoo News (<https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-zelenskyy-saying-us-120000537.html>), VOA News (<https://www.voanews.com/a/no-zelenskyy-did-not-say-american-sons-and-daughters-will-have-to-die-in-ukraine/6993247.html>) and CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/02/politics/fact-check-zelensky-americans-fighting-ukraine-video>), debunk the claim. These articles clarify that Zelenskyy was discussing a hypothetical scenario.

Furthermore, while there was a contentious meeting between Zelenskyy and Trump in February 2025, none of the provided sources about the meeting mention Zelenskyy making the statement in question.

## **Final Judgement**

The claim that Zelenskyy said the U.S. would have to send their sons and daughters to die for Ukraine after a heated exchange with Trump is false. Fact-check articles from multiple reliable sources debunk this statement. While there was a meeting between Zelenskyy and Trump, the alleged quote is not supported by any evidence.

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**Verdict: FALSE**

## **Justification**

The claim is false. Multiple fact-checking articles from sources like Yahoo News, VOA News, and CNN debunk the statement, clarifying that Zelenskyy did not make the alleged statement. While there was a contentious meeting between Zelenskyy and Trump in February 2025, no evidence supports the claim that Zelenskyy made the statement during the meeting.