

Claim

Claim: "Mexican President-elect Claudia Sheinbaum rejected an invitation to Ukraine by Volodymyr Zelenskyy and said towards him on September 17, 2024: 'If I wanted to see a drug addict, I'd just take a walk around Tijuana.'"

Actions

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web_search("Claudia Sheinbaum Zelenskyy Ukraine invitation")
web_search("Claudia Sheinbaum Tijuana drug addict quote")
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Evidence

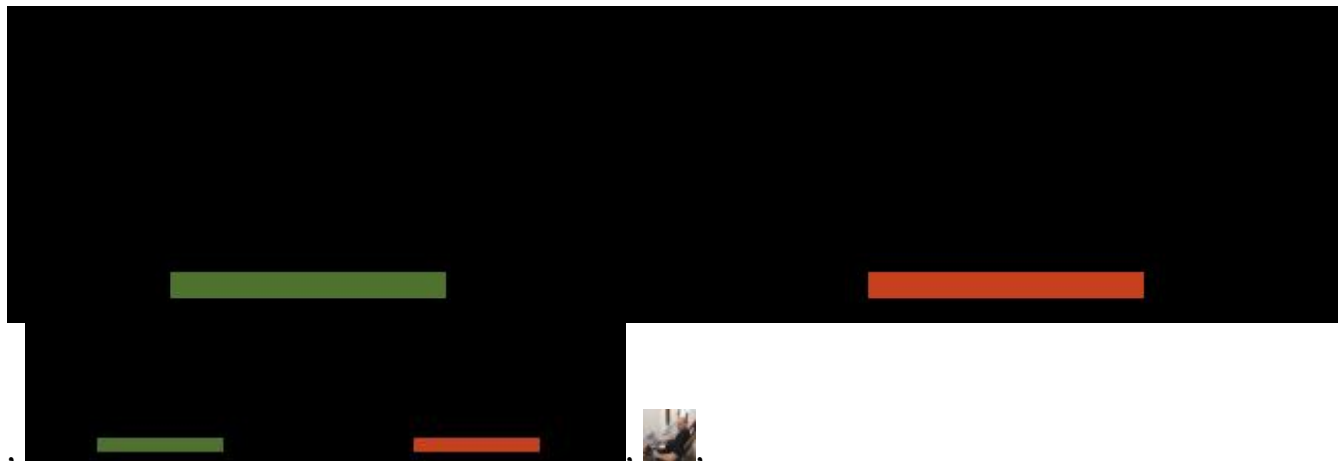
Evidence from web_search

Multiple sources (<https://www.intellinews.com/mexico-s-president-elect-sheinbaum-turns-down-zelensky-s-invitation-to-ukraine-344262/>, <https://euromaidanpress.com/2024/09/18/mexican-president-elect-declines-zelenskyy-s-invitation-to-visit-ukraine/>, and <https://english.nv.ua/nation/sheinbaum-declines-zelenskyy-s-invitation-focuses-on-domestic-issues-50451798.html>) report that Claudia Sheinbaum, the Mexican President-elect, declined an invitation from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to visit Ukraine in September 2024. Sheinbaum cited her focus on domestic issues and Mexico's policy of non-intervention in foreign affairs as reasons for her decision.

The sources do not mention any quote from Sheinbaum about drug addicts or Tijuana.

Evidence from web_search

The provided sources discuss Claudia Sheinbaum's statements on drug trafficking and her interactions with Donald Trump regarding the fentanyl crisis. One article from MSNBC, published on December 4, 2024, mentions Sheinbaum's response to Trump's claims about Mexico's role in the fentanyl crisis, stating that Mexico does not consume synthetic drugs. Another article from workers.org, published in February 2025, highlights Sheinbaum's statements on the U.S.'s role in drug consumption and trafficking. A Mexico News Daily article, also published in February 2025, reports on Trump thanking Sheinbaum for inspiring a US anti-drug campaign and mentions their discussions on drugs, including Sheinbaum's assertion that Mexico is not a "consumer nation."





The articles are available at: <https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/trump-mexico-president-claudia-sheinbaum-fentanyl-response-rcna182496>, <https://www.workers.org/2025/02/83990/>, and <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/politics/trump-sheinbaum-us-anti-drug-campaign/>.

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that Claudia Sheinbaum declined an invitation to visit Ukraine. However, there is no mention of the alleged quote about drug addicts or Tijuana in the provided sources. The second search reveals Sheinbaum's statements on drug trafficking, but not the quote in question.

Therefore, the claim that Sheinbaum made the specific statement is not supported by the evidence.

Final Judgement

The evidence confirms that Claudia Sheinbaum declined an invitation to visit Ukraine. However, there is no evidence to support the claim that she made the specific quote about drug addicts and Tijuana.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim that Claudia Sheinbaum made a specific statement about drug addicts and Tijuana in response to an invitation from Volodymyr Zelenskyy is not supported by the available evidence. While she did decline the invitation to visit Ukraine, as reported by multiple sources (<https://www.intellinews.com/mexico-s-president-elect-sheinbaum-turns-down-zelensky-s-invitation-to-ukraine-344262/>, <https://euromaidanpress.com/2024/09/18/mexican-president-elect-declines-zelenskyy-s-invitation-to-visit-ukraine/>, and <https://english.nv.ua/nation/sheinbaum-declines-zelenskyy-s-invitation-focuses-on-domestic-issues-50451798.html>), there is no evidence to support the specific quote attributed to her.