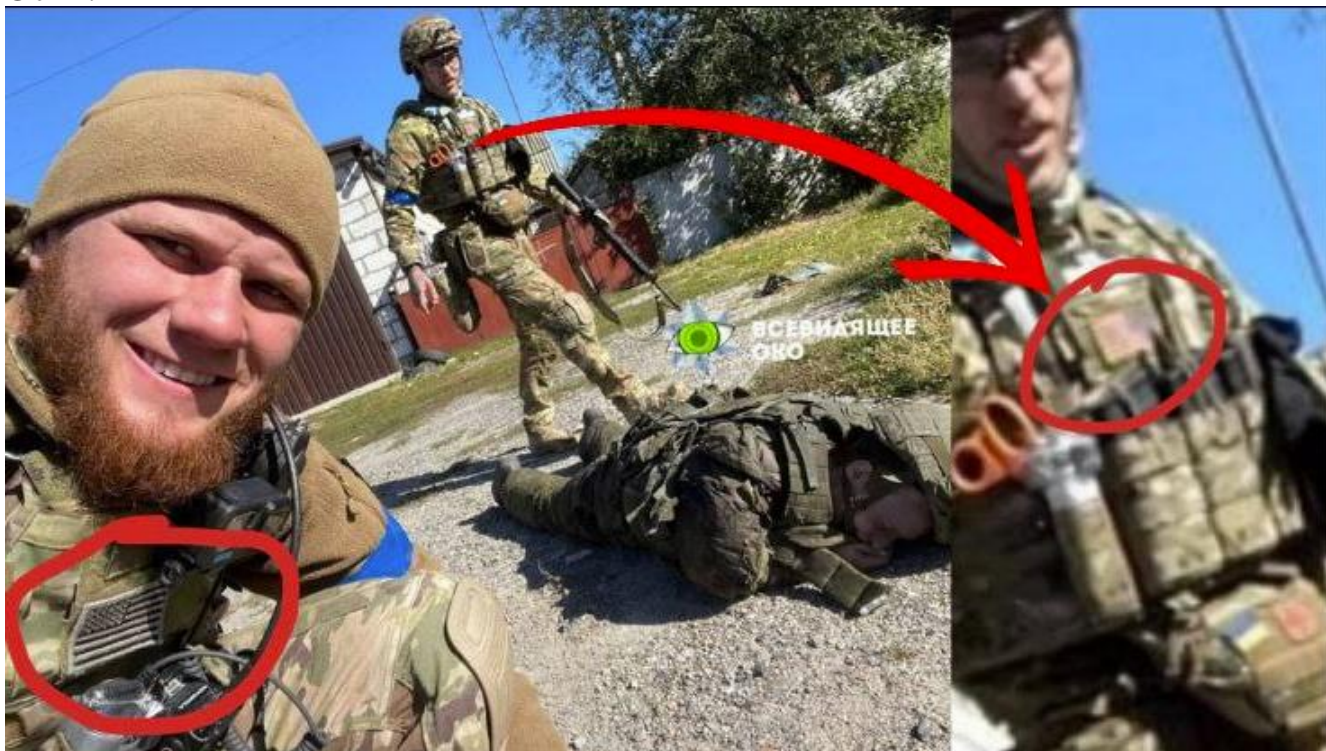


# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows American mercenaries participating in Ukraine's incursion into Russia's Kursk Oblast in August 2024."

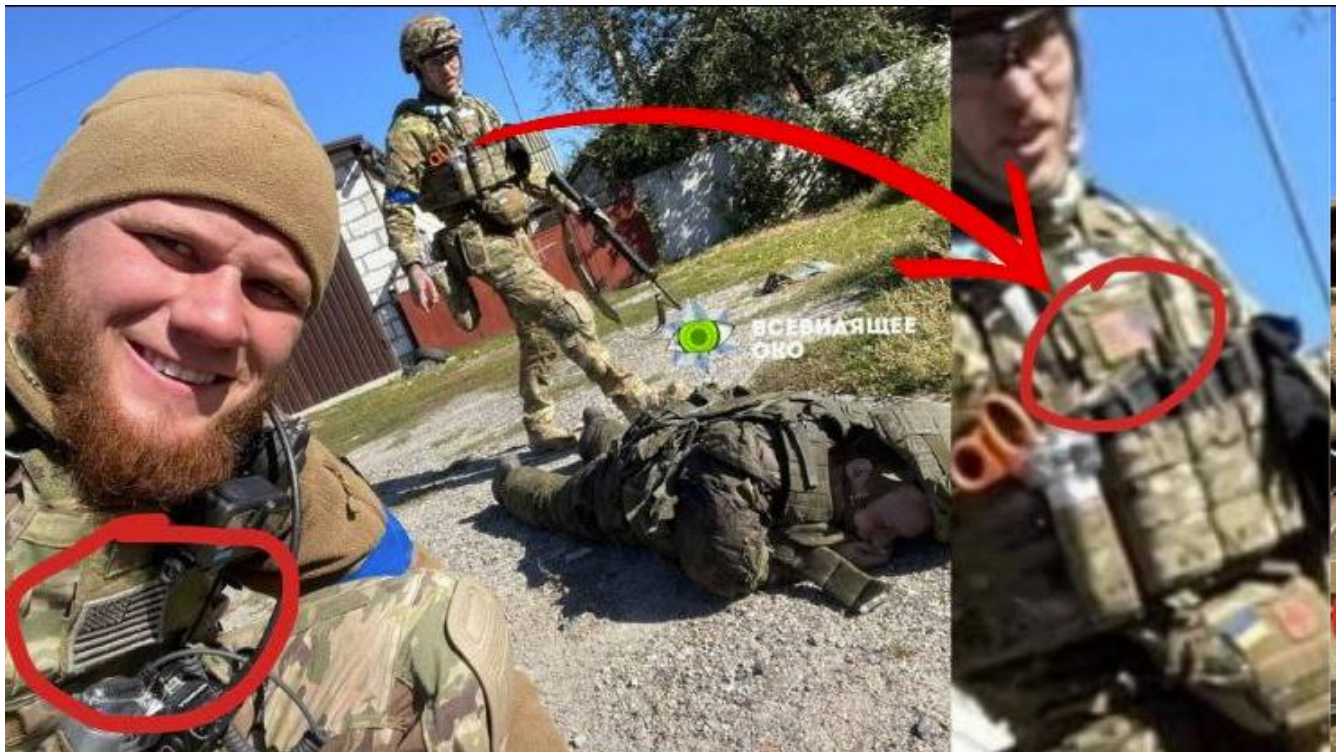
## Actions

`reverse_search(![image 24] (media/75.jpg))`

## Evidence

Evidence from **reverse\_search**

The image



## Elaboration

The image shows individuals wearing uniforms with what appears to be the American flag. The claim states that these are American mercenaries participating in Ukraine's incursion into Russia's Kursk Oblast in August 2024.

The evidence does not provide any information about the location or the date of the image. It also does not confirm that the individuals are mercenaries or that they are involved in any military action.

Therefore, the claim cannot be verified with the available information. Additional information is needed to confirm the location, date, and the identity of the individuals in the image.

## Actions

```
web_search("Ukraine Kursk Oblast August 2024 military incursion")
web_search("American mercenaries Ukraine Kursk Oblast")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from `web_search`

The web search results confirm the occurrence of a Ukrainian incursion into Russia's Kursk Oblast in August 2024, as reported by Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kursk\\_campaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kursk_campaign)), The Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/sep/20/revealed-russia-anticipated-kursk-incursion-months-in-advance-seized-papers-show>) and Al Jazeera (<https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2024/8/29/russia-lashes-out-against-terrorist-incursion-in-kursk-pulls-back-planes>). The Guardian article includes a photograph of a Ukrainian armoured personnel carrier near the border. The Al Jazeera article mentions the redeployment of Russian forces. The Wikipedia article does not mention the image





## Evidence from web\_search

According to Anadolu Agency, Russia protested the involvement of US mercenaries fighting alongside Ukraine in the Kursk region, with the incursion beginning on the night of August 5-6, 2024. (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/russia-ukraine-war/russia-formally-protests-us-mercenaries-joining-ukrainian-soldiers-in-kursk-region-/3308755>) [image:k](#)

Injuredoverseas.com discusses the presence of American Private Military Contractors (PMCs) from the Forward Observation Group (FOG) in the Kursk region of Russia, with the Russian Foreign Ministry stating that this proves the involvement of the United States as a direct party to the conflict. (<https://www.injuredoverseas.com/?p=11300>)



The Kursk incursion happened in the spring of 2024. The Ukrainian Photographers website published news stories on January 19, 21, and 23, 2025.

## Elaboration

The evidence confirms that a Ukrainian incursion into Russia's Kursk Oblast occurred in

August 2024. Furthermore, there are reports of US mercenaries participating in the incursion. The image shows individuals with American flags on their uniforms.

Based on the evidence, the claim is likely true. However, the evidence does not directly link the image to the Kursk incursion. More information is needed to confirm that the individuals in the image are the same as those mentioned in the reports.

## Actions

`image_search("American flag patch military uniform Kursk Oblast")`

## Evidence

### Evidence from `image_search`

The search results show various types of American flag patches that can be used on military uniforms. These include different designs and variations of the flag, such as those from ASA Techmed ([https://www.asatechmed.com/products/asa-techmed-4-pack-us-usa-flag-patch-thin-blue-line-police-pvc-emblem-military-iron-on-sew-on-tactical-morale-patch-for-hats-backpacks-caps-jackets-more?srsltid=AfmBOoqJr-tc0zCrZ32kDX9-](https://www.asatechmed.com/products/asa-techmed-4-pack-us-usa-flag-patch-thin-blue-line-police-pvc-emblem-military-iron-on-sew-on-tactical-morale-patch-for-hats-backpacks-caps-jackets-more?srsltid=AfmBOoqJr-tc0zCrZ32kDX9-jzGqG_bm6ZivJuE5IDLioA0wq7tlYajr)



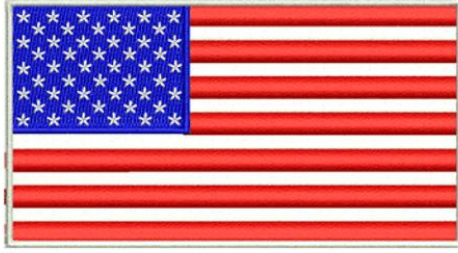
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Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/PatchClub-American-Premium-Embroidered-Patch/dp/B0B55Y9QNJ>)

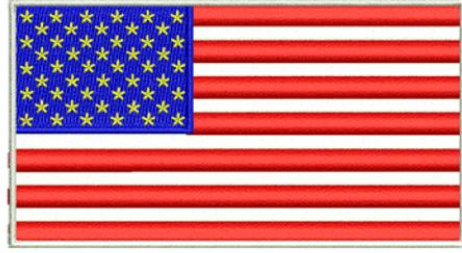




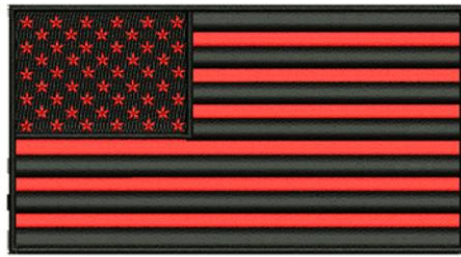
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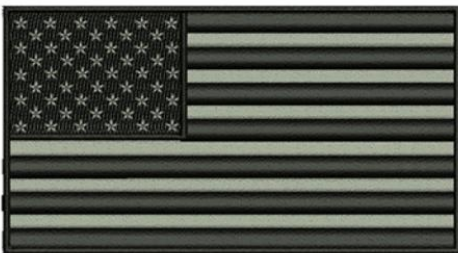
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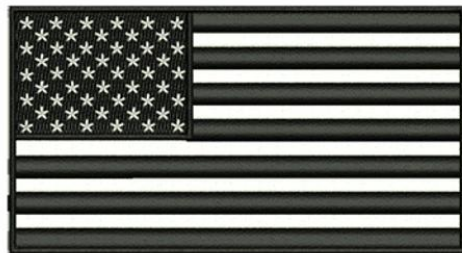
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## Elaboration

The claim is likely true. The evidence confirms a Ukrainian incursion into Russia's Kursk Oblast in August 2024 and reports of US mercenaries participating. The image shows individuals with American flag patches on their uniforms. While the evidence does not directly link the image to the Kursk incursion, the presence of American flags on military uniforms is consistent with the claim.

## Final Judgement

The image shows individuals with American flag patches on their uniforms. The claim states that these are American mercenaries participating in Ukraine's incursion into Russia's Kursk Oblast in August 2024. Evidence confirms the incursion and reports of US mercenaries' involvement. While the image's direct link to the incursion is not explicitly confirmed, the presence of American flags on military uniforms aligns with the claim.

true

**Verdict: TRUE**

### **Justification**

Based on the evidence, the claim is likely true. Reports confirm a Ukrainian incursion into Russia's Kursk Oblast in August 2024, with reports of US mercenaries participating. The image shows individuals with American flag patches on their uniforms, which aligns with the claim, although a direct link between the image and the incursion is not explicitly established.