Claim

Claim: "Half of all US aid to Ukraine was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates for re-election."

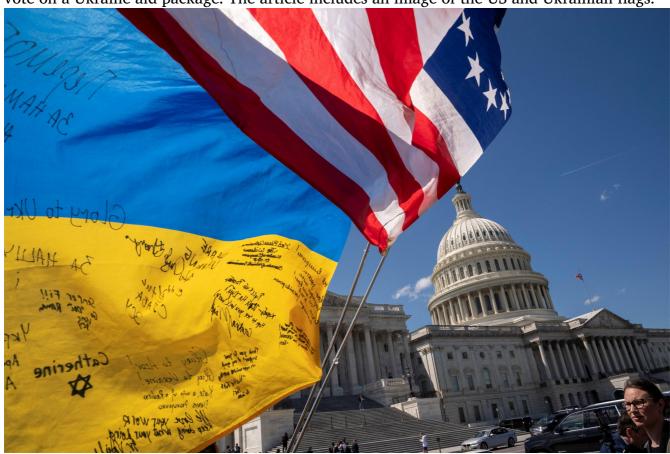
Actions

image_search("US aid Ukraine laundered Democrat candidates")

Evidence

Evidence from image_search

From <u>Source</u>: Content: Reuters published an article on April 20, 2024, about the US House vote on a Ukraine aid package. The article includes an image of the US and Ukrainian flags.



Elaboration

The provided evidence does not contain any information to support the claim that US aid to Ukraine was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates. The evidence is a Reuters article about a US House vote on a Ukraine aid package, accompanied by an image of US and Ukrainian flags.

Actions

image_search("US aid to Ukraine corruption")

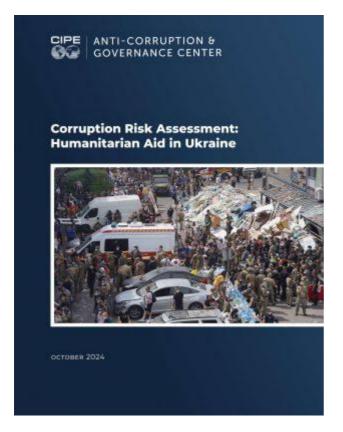
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The Institute for the Study of War published a fact sheet stating that US aid to Ukraine lacks oversight and is being misused because of corruption in Ukraine, but also stating that US oversight is extensive, and Ukrainian government oversight and accountability are extensive and growing. (https://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/fact-sheet-us-assistance-ukraine)

| CLAIM | FACT |
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| US aid to Ukraine lacks oversight and is being misused because of corruption in Ukraine. | US oversight is extensive, and Ukrainian government oversight and accountability are extensive and growing. |
| The United States is giving more support to Ukraine than Europe, and Europe hasn't stepped up. | America's European, Asian, and NATO allies have committed \$178 billion to supporting Ukraine, which is more than the US will have committed counting the aid package currently under consideration. |
| Ukraine is another "forever war" for the United States. | This is not an American war. It's another nation's war against an American enemy. |
| Sending military aid to Ukraine degrades America's military readiness. | Sending military aid to Ukraine is enabling the United States to modernize its own military to be better prepared to fight the next war. |
| The United States is sending Ukraine a "blank check." | The United States has not given Ukraine a "blank check." Congress has appropriated specific amounts to be used for specific purposes. Both Ukrainian and US officials monitor the aid to ensure that it is used for those purposes. |

The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) published a report in October 2024 titled "Corruption Risk Assessment: Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine". (https://www.cipe.org/resources/corruption-risk-assessment-humanitarian-aid-in-ukraine/)



The International Bar Association published an article that includes an image of boxes with aid supplies. (https://www.ibanet.org/Russia-Ukraine-US-aid-delay-critical-as-country-looks-to-boost-frontline-fight)



Elaboration

The evidence suggests that there are concerns about corruption and misuse of US aid to Ukraine. The Institute for the Study of War states that US aid lacks oversight and is being misused because of corruption in Ukraine, but also states that US oversight is extensive, and Ukrainian government oversight and accountability are extensive and growing. The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) published a report on corruption risk assessment of humanitarian aid in Ukraine. However, none of the evidence supports the claim that half of the aid was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates.

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Evidence

Evidence from image_search

From <u>Source</u>: Content: The New York Times published an article on January 27, 2023, about a corruption scandal in Ukraine.



Elaboration

The evidence does not support the claim. While there are reports of corruption and misuse of aid in Ukraine, there is no evidence to suggest that half of the US aid was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates.

Final Judgement

The fact-check reveals that while there are concerns about corruption and misuse of US aid to Ukraine, there is no evidence to support the claim that half of the aid was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates. The provided evidence includes articles about US aid packages, corruption risks, and a corruption scandal in Ukraine, but none of them mention the claim.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The fact-check found no evidence to support the claim. While there are reports of corruption and misuse of US aid to Ukraine, the provided sources, including a Reuters article on aid packages and reports from the Institute for the Study of War and the Center for International Private Enterprise, do not mention the laundering of funds to Democrat candidates.