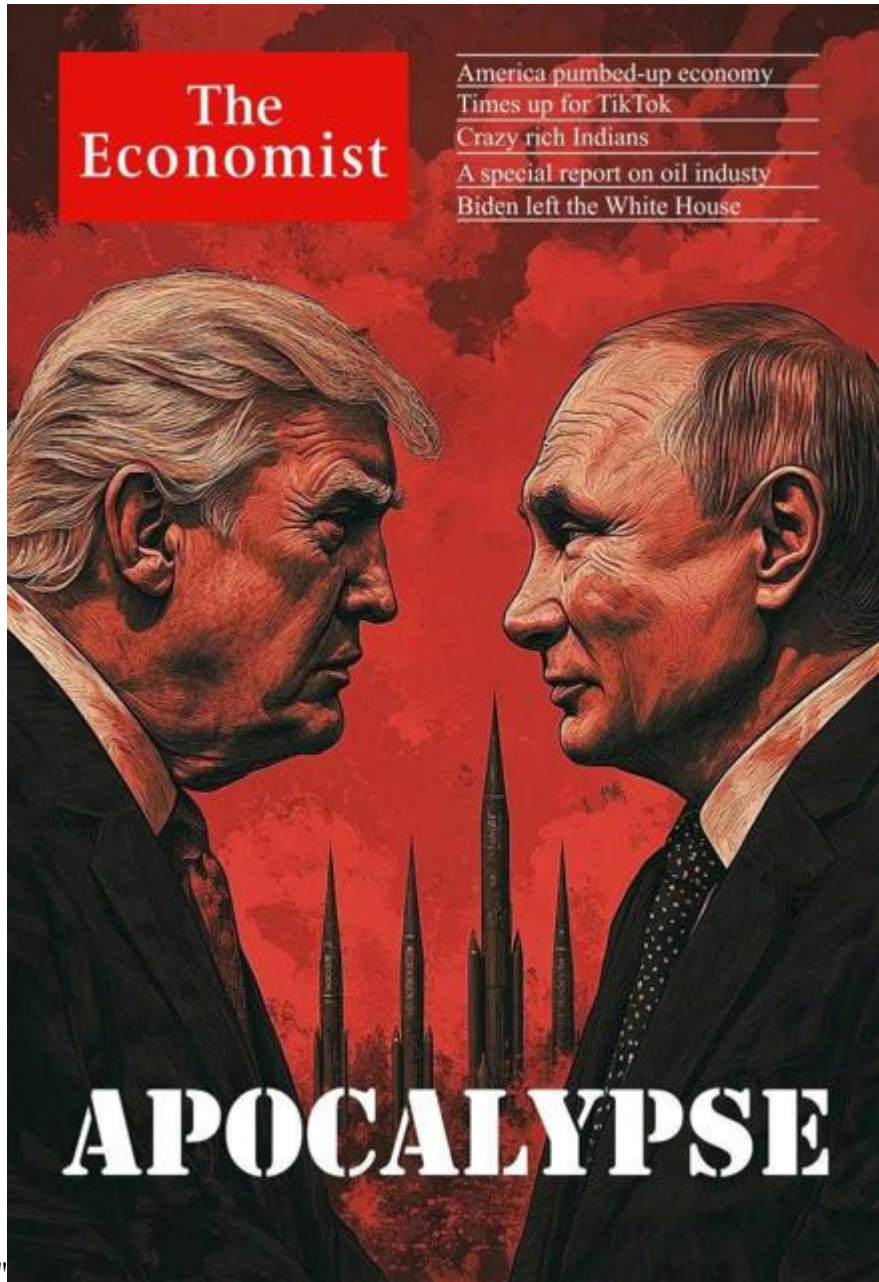


## Claim



Claim: "This image shows a screenshot of an authentic cover of the magazine The Economist from the end of 2024 illustrating Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin and warning of an apocalypse."

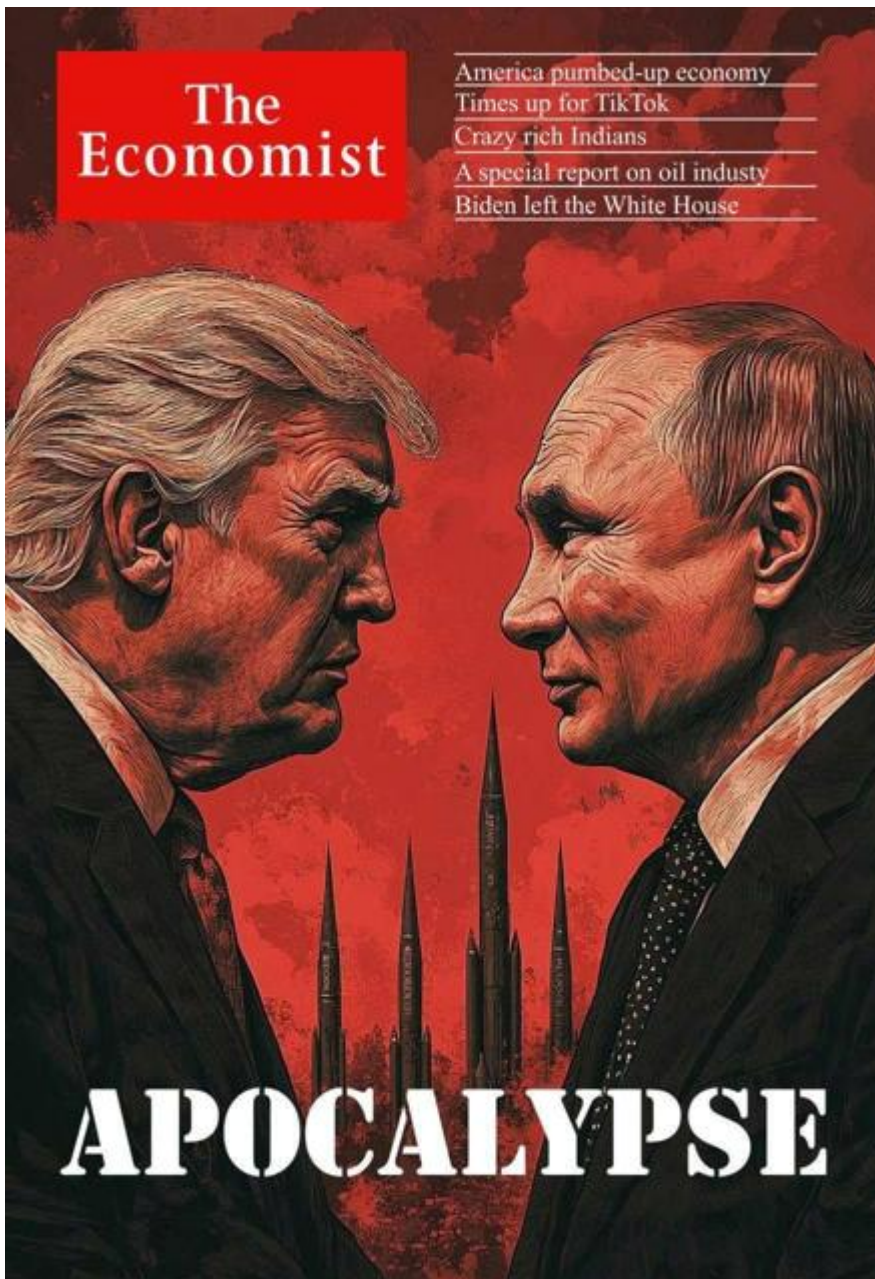
## Actions

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image_search("The Economist Trump Putin apocalypse cover")
web_search("The Economist magazine")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from **image\_search**

The Economist published a cover on February 22, 2024, with the title "IS EUROPE READY?" featuring Vladimir Putin. The image of Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin with the title "APOCALYPSE" is a fake cover of The Economist magazine.



is not an authentic cover.

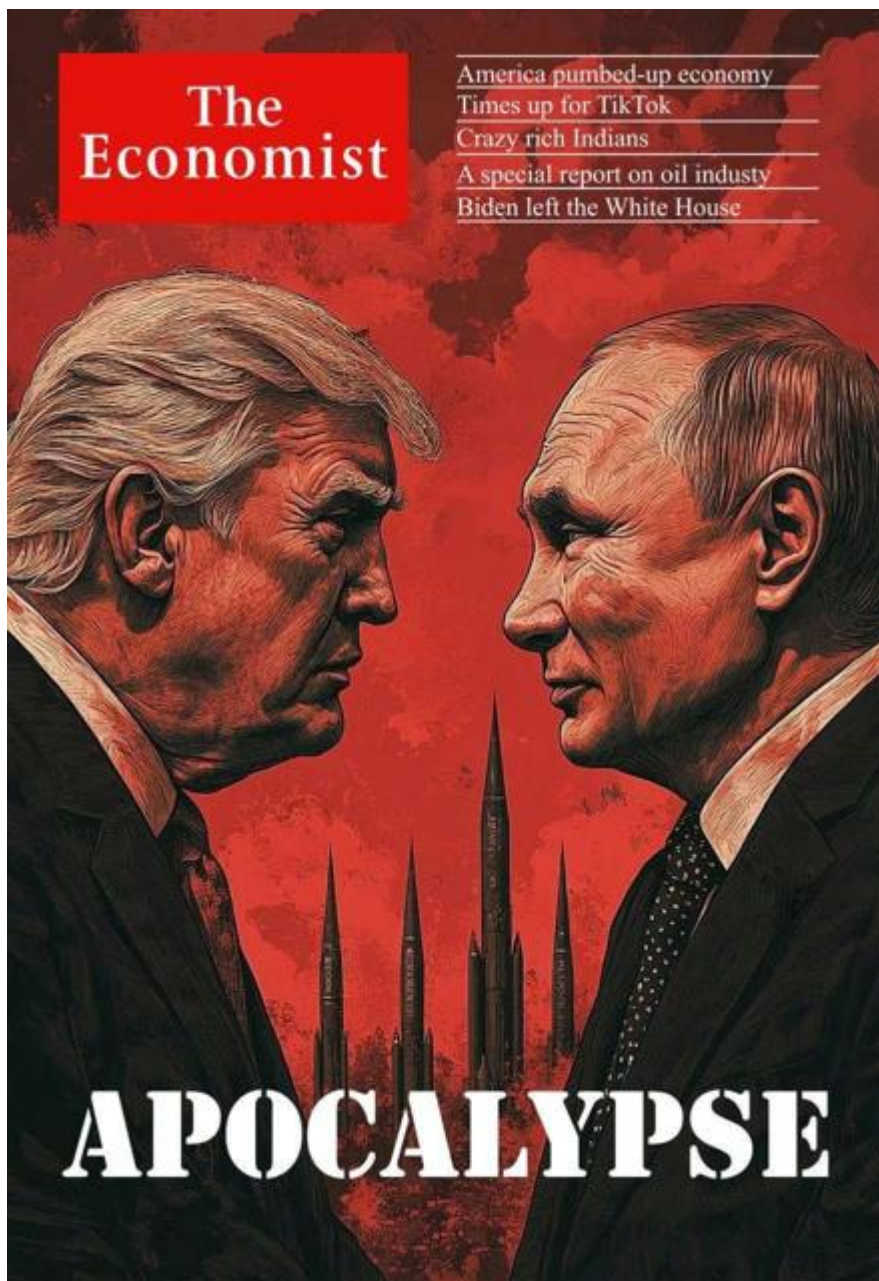
Sources: <https://www.economist.com/the-world-this-week/2024/02/22/this-weeks-cover>, <https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/fake-economist-apocalypse-cover-linked-to-pro-kremlin-propaganda/>, <https://verifica.efe.com/the-economist-apocalipsis-trump-putin/>.

### Evidence from web\_search

The Economist's website (<https://www.economist.com/>) features articles and content from August 2025, including articles about Donald Trump. The website also has a section on podcasts and offers access to the August 30th, 2025, edition.

The Economist is a British news and current affairs journal founded in 1843, available in print and digital formats ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Economist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Economist)). The Economist app provides access to news reporting and analysis from correspondents across the globe (<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/the-economist-news-podcasts/id1239397626>). The image





is related to the content.

## Elaboration

The claim is false. The image of Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin with the title "APOCALYPSE" is a fake cover of The Economist magazine. The Economist did publish a cover on February 22, 2024, featuring Vladimir Putin, but it was titled "IS EUROPE READY?".

## Final Judgement

The image of Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin with the title "APOCALYPSE" is a fake cover of The Economist magazine. The Economist did publish a cover on February 22, 2024, featuring Vladimir Putin, but it was titled "IS EUROPE READY?".

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

**Justification**

The image depicting Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin with the title "APOCALYPSE" is a fabricated cover of The Economist magazine, as confirmed by multiple sources (<https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/fake-economist-apocalypse-cover-linked-to-pro-kremlin-propaganda/>). The actual cover published by The Economist on February 22, 2024, featured Vladimir Putin but had a different title.