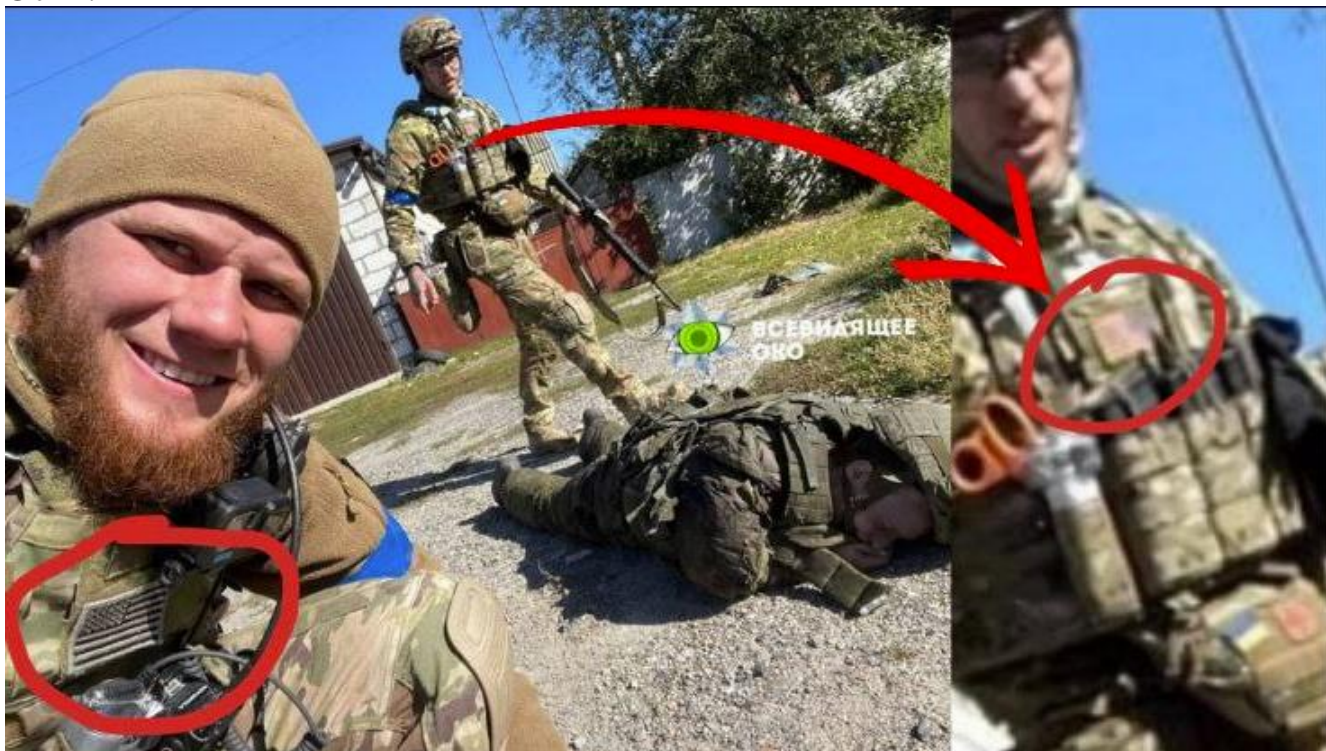


# Claim

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 patches of the American flag. The claim states that these individuals 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 operations.

The claim cannot be verified due to a lack of information about the context of the image.

## Actions

```
image_search("American mercenaries Ukraine Russia Kursk Oblast")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from `image_search`

Al Jazeera published an article on March 13, 2025, discussing the recapture of Kursk by Russian forces (





). The BBC News website contains an image of Ukrainian soldiers (



). The Telegraph published an article on August 14, 2024, discussing Ukraine's seizure of land in the border region, including an image of Ukrainian servicemen near the Russian border (



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Joe Barnes

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Ukrainian servicemen near the Russian border. It is thought the seized territory could be used as a bargaining chip in any peace talks | CREDIT: Viacheslav Ratynskiy/Reuters

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## Elaboration

The evidence from the image search provides additional context. The Telegraph article from August 14, 2024, discusses Ukraine's actions in the border region. This aligns with the claim's mention of August 2024. However, the evidence does not mention American mercenaries. The images provided show Russian and Ukrainian soldiers, but not American mercenaries.

The claim is not supported by the evidence. The evidence does not mention American mercenaries.

## Actions

```
image_search("American flag patch military Ukraine Russia")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from `image_search`



The search results from Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/Bluyellow-American-Embroidered-Military-Backpacks/dp/B0CG28DJVD>), Etsy (<https://www.etsy.com/listing/1446788819/usa-ukrainian-national-flags-patch-us-ua>), and buypatch.net ([https://buypatch.net/products/copy-of-international-legion-ukraine-ukraine-war-flag-patch-velcro?srltid=AfmBOorMWgFencNtYgMk9AkM8DPtO\\_k6cDX7jPrRy6ED0EXDqv32gChX](https://buypatch.net/products/copy-of-international-legion-ukraine-ukraine-war-flag-patch-velcro?srltid=AfmBOorMWgFencNtYgMk9AkM8DPtO_k6cDX7jPrRy6ED0EXDqv32gChX)) show patches that combine the American and Ukrainian flags (







