

# Claim

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

## Actions

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web_search("US aid to Ukraine laundered Democrat candidates")
web_search("US aid to Ukraine corruption allegations")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from `web_search`

The search results discuss allegations of corruption and the laundering of US aid to Ukraine. One source, from Wikipedia, discusses the 2019 Trump–Ukraine scandal, including allegations of withholding aid and requests for investigations into Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019\\_Trump%E2%80%93Ukraine\\_scandal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Trump%E2%80%93Ukraine_scandal)). Newsweek published an article discussing the claim that Ukraine sent billions of dollars from foreign aid to FTX, which was then sent back to the Democratic party, stating that the claim originated from social media posts and was spread by right-leaning commentators (<https://www.newsweek.com/what-behind-claim-joe-biden-laundered-billions-ukraine-aid-via-ftx-1759774>). The Associated Press published a fact check stating that the claim "Half of all US aid to Ukraine was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates for re-election" is false (<https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-ftx-ukraine-democrats-laundering-996663874380>). The Newsweek article includes an image of Joe Biden and Sam Bankman-Fried



## Evidence from web\_search

The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) provides a fact sheet on US assistance to Ukraine, stating that US oversight of aid is extensive and that the US is not giving more support to Ukraine than Europe. The document also states that the US is not sending Ukraine a "blank check" and that sending military aid to Ukraine increases America's military readiness.

[Source.](#)

CLAIM	FACT
<i>US aid to Ukraine lacks oversight and is being misused because of corruption in Ukraine.</i>	US oversight is extensive, and Ukrainian government oversight and accountability are extensive and growing.
<i>The United States is giving more support to Ukraine than Europe, and Europe hasn't stepped up.</i>	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.
<i>Ukraine is another "forever war" for the United States.</i>	This is not an American war. It's another nation's war against an American enemy.
<i>Sending military aid to Ukraine degrades America's military readiness.</i>	Sending military aid to Ukraine is enabling the United States to modernize its own military to be better prepared to fight the next war.
<i>The United States is sending Ukraine a "blank check."</i>	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 BBC reports that Ukraine's security service has uncovered corruption in an arms purchase by the military worth about \$40m. [Source.](#)





## Elaboration

The Associated Press fact-check explicitly states that the claim is false (<https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-ftx-ukraine-democrats-laundering-996663874380>). The Newsweek article indicates that the claim originated from social media and was spread by right-leaning commentators (<https://www.newsweek.com/what-behind-claim-joe-biden-laundered-billions-ukraine-aid-via-ftx-1759774>). The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) states that the US oversight of aid is extensive.

The BBC reports on corruption in Ukraine's arms purchases, but this does not directly support the claim.

## Final Judgement

The claim that half of all US aid to Ukraine was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates for re-election is demonstrably false. Multiple sources, including the Associated Press, have debunked this claim. The evidence indicates that the claim originated from social media and was spread by right-leaning commentators.

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**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is false. The Associated Press fact-check explicitly states that the claim is false (<https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-ftx-ukraine-democrats-laundering-996663874380>). Newsweek reports that the claim originated from social media and was spread by right-leaning commentators (<https://www.newsweek.com/what-behind-claim-joe-biden-laundered-billions-ukraine-aid-via-ftx-1759774>).