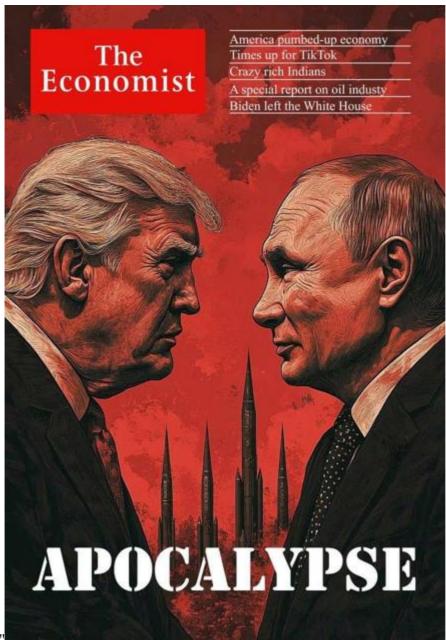
## Claim



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."

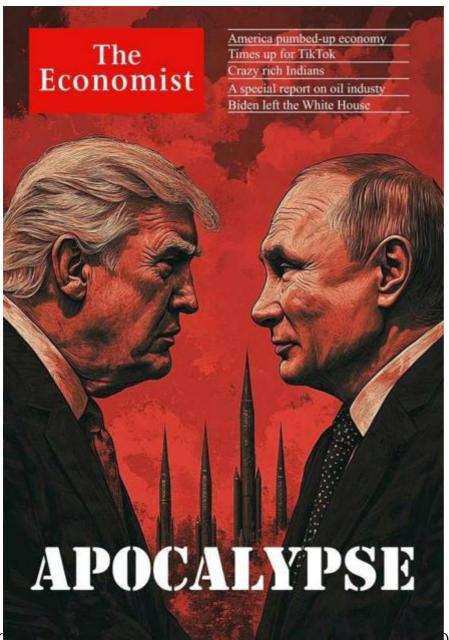
# **Actions**

web\_search("The Economist cover Trump Putin apocalypse")

# **Evidence**

### Evidence from web\_search

The image of The Economist cover featuring Trump and Putin with the word "APOCALYPSE"



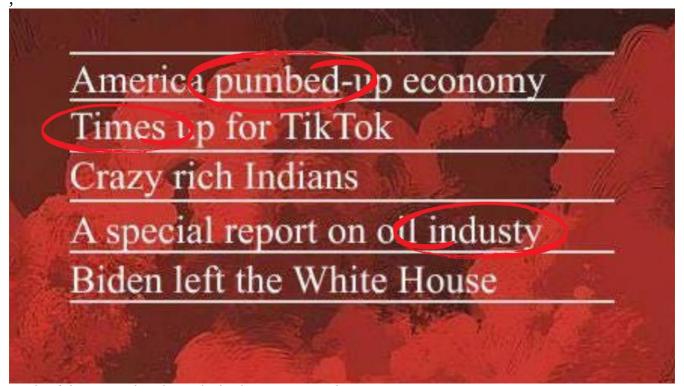
<u>Ukrinform.net</u>, the cover lacks a publication date, a standard feature of genuine Economist issues. The actual Economist issue published on November 16, 2024, features a globe being



PesaCheck states that the cover is altered, and the original cover from March 16, 2024, did not include the image of Trump and Putin. AAP FactCheck also confirms the image is a fake,

The **Economist**  pointing out spelling mistakes and errors in the cover lines (





). The fake cover has been linked to pro-Kremlin sources.

## **Elaboration**

The claim is false. The image is a fake cover of The Economist. Several sources, including Ukrinform.net (<a href="https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-factcheck/3930063-russian-propaganda-fabricates-the-economist-cover-about-beginning-of-world-war-iii.html">https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-factcheck/3930063-russian-propaganda-fabricates-the-economist-cover-about-beginning-of-world-war-iii.html</a>), PesaCheck (<a href="https://pesacheck.org/altered-this-front-cover-was-not-published-by-the-economist-cd0c20d99b9b">https://pesacheck.org/altered-this-front-cover-was-not-published-by-the-economist-cd0c20d99b9b</a>), and AAP FactCheck (<a href="https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/fake-economist-apocalypse-cover-linked-to-pro-kremlin-propaganda/">https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/fake-economist-apocalypse-cover-linked-to-pro-kremlin-propaganda/</a>), confirm that the image is altered and not a genuine cover. The actual covers from the relevant dates do not feature Trump and Putin.

# **Final Judgement**

The image of The Economist cover featuring Trump and Putin is a fake. Multiple sources confirm that the image is altered and not a genuine cover. The actual covers from the relevant dates do not feature Trump and Putin.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### **Justification**

The image of The Economist cover depicting Trump and Putin with the word "APOCALYPSE" is a fake, as confirmed by multiple fact-checking sources, including <u>Ukrinform.net</u>, <u>PesaCheck</u>, and <u>AAP FactCheck</u>. These sources highlight the absence of a publication date and other inconsistencies, confirming that the image is altered and not a genuine cover of The Economist.