Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's wife bought a \$5,000,000.00 Bugatti while vacationing in Paris."

Actions

web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy wife Bugatti Paris")

Evidence

Evidence from web_search

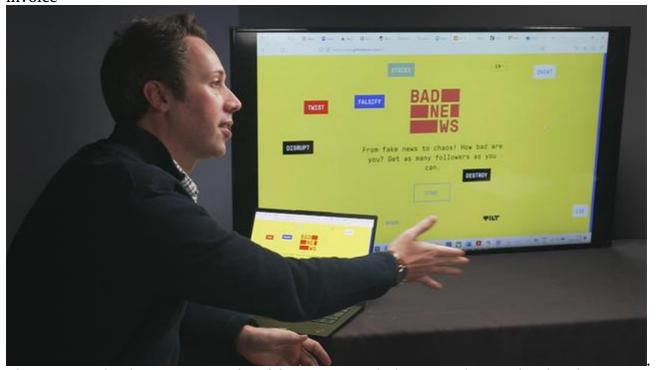
The BBC (https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c72ver6172do) and CNN (https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/02/europe/deepfake-video-zelensky-wife-intl-latam) reported that a deepfake video falsely claimed Olena Zelenska bought a Bugatti in Paris. The BBC article includes an image of a fake invoice with a "FAKE" stamp



The Bugatti dealership

denied the transaction.

CBS News (https://www.cbsnews.com/news/olena-zelenska-false-claim-she-bought-bugatti/) also reported on the false claim, stating it was part of a Russian disinformation campaign. Bugatti Paris filed a criminal complaint against those who shared the video and forged the invoice



The BBC article also mentions other fake stories, including one about Zelenskyy buying a mansion from King Charles III



Elaboration

The evidence indicates the claim is false. Multiple news sources, including the BBC (https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/02/europe/deepfake-video-zelensky-wife-intl-latam), CNN (https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/02/europe/deepfake-video-zelensky-wife-intl-latam), and CBS News (https://www.cbsnews.com/news/olena-zelenska-false-claim-she-bought-bugatti/), report that the story originated from a deepfake video and was part of a disinformation campaign. The Bugatti dealership denied the transaction and filed a criminal complaint.

Final Judgement

The claim that Volodymyr Zelenskyy's wife bought a Bugatti in Paris is demonstrably false. Multiple reliable news sources, including the BBC, CNN, and CBS News, have reported that the story originated from a deepfake video and was part of a disinformation campaign. The Bugatti dealership denied the transaction.

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Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. Multiple news sources, including the BBC (https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/02/europe/deepfake-video-zelensky-wife-intl-latam), and CBS News (https://www.cbsnews.com/news/olena-zelenska-false-claim-she-bought-bugatti/), report that the story originated from a deepfake video and was part of a disinformation campaign. The Bugatti dealership denied the transaction.