

# Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's statement in an AP news interview from February 1, 2025 that his country's military has received only a portion of the more than 175 billion in U.S. aid confirms that the US aid is a money laundering operation."

# Actions

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web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy AP interview February 1 2025 US aid")
web_search("US aid to Ukraine money laundering")
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# Evidence

## Evidence from web\_search

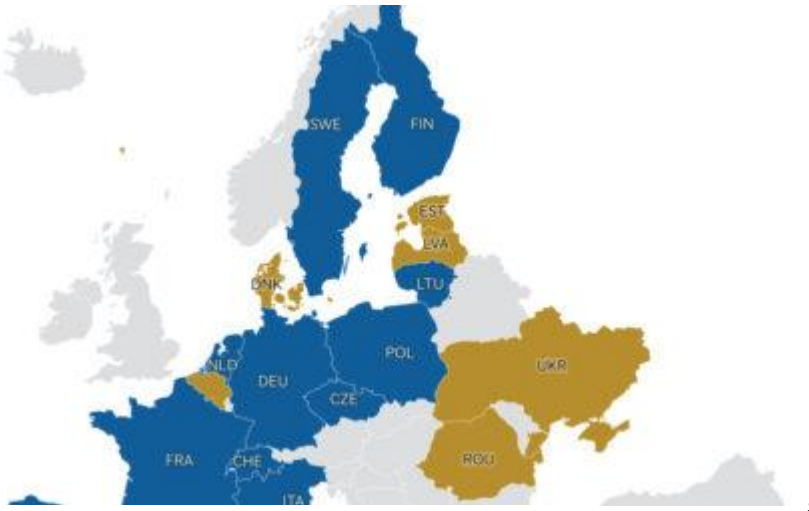
An AP News article from an interview with Volodymyr Zelenskyy on February 1, 2025, does not mention the amount of U.S. aid received by Ukraine, but discusses Zelenskyy's concerns about excluding Ukraine from talks between the U.S. and Russia, and his views on NATO membership. The U.S. News & World Report also published an article on February 1, 2025, discussing the interview, mentioning that Zelenskyy stated that his team has been in contact with the Trump administration [image:k](#).

The Associated Press (AP) published an interview with Ukrainian President Volodymyr



Zelenskyy on February 1, 2025





# AP

[REDACTED]. In the interview, Zelenskyy discussed the exclusion of Ukraine from U.S.-Russia war talks and called for a ceasefire plan.

## Evidence from **web\_search**

The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) released an audit of the DoD's execution of funds to assist Ukraine, which revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion. The report is from 2025. [Source](#)

The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) published a fact sheet dated February 8, 2024, addressing claims about US aid to Ukraine. The fact sheet states that US aid to Ukraine is not a "blank check" and that Congress appropriates specific amounts for specific purposes, with both Ukrainian and US officials monitoring the aid. The fact sheet also mentions that America's European, Asian, and NATO allies have committed over \$178 billion to support Ukraine. [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.

and



## Elaboration

The evidence does not support the claim. The AP News article from February 1, 2025, does not mention the amount of U.S. aid received by Ukraine. Furthermore, the DoD OIG audit revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion. However, the Institute for the Study of War (ISW) states that US aid to Ukraine is not a "blank check" and that both Ukrainian and US officials monitor the aid.

The claim that Zelenskyy's statement confirms the US aid is a money laundering operation is not supported by the evidence. The evidence does not mention money laundering.

## Final Judgement

The claim is not supported by the evidence. The AP News article does not mention the amount of U.S. aid received by Ukraine. The DoD OIG audit revealed issues with documentation, but the ISW states that US aid is not a "blank check" and is monitored. There

is no evidence to support the money laundering claim. false

**Verdict: FALSE**

### **Justification**

The claim is not supported by the evidence. An AP News article from February 1, 2025, does not mention the amount of U.S. aid received by Ukraine. While a DoD OIG audit revealed documentation issues, the Institute for the Study of War ([ISW](#)) states that US aid is not a "blank check" and is monitored. There is no evidence to support the money laundering claim.