

# Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the U.S. will have 'to send their sons and daughters' to die for Ukraine after having a heated exchange with U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House in February 2025."

## Actions

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web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy Donald Trump White House February 2025")
web_search("Zelenskyy US sons daughters die Ukraine")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from web\_search

The provided sources describe a contentious meeting between Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Donald Trump at the White House on February 28, 2025. According to a Wikipedia article, the meeting involved Donald Trump, JD Vance, and Volodymyr Zelenskyy. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025\\_Trump%E2%80%93Zelenskyy\\_Oval\\_Office\\_meeting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025_Trump%E2%80%93Zelenskyy_Oval_Office_meeting)) [image:i](#). NPR reported that the visit ended abruptly after an "Oval Office spat" and that Zelenskyy was there to finalize a deal on minerals. (<https://www.npr.org/2025/02/28/nx-s1-5312076/zelenkyyys-visit-to-the-white-house-ends-abruptly-after-oval-office-spat>)



Al Jazeera also covered the meeting, highlighting disagreements over a deal for Ukraine's rare earth minerals and security assurances. (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/2/28/key-takeaways-from-the-fiery-white-house-meeting-with-trump-and-zelenskyy>) [image:i](#), [image:j](#), [image:k](#). The article does not contain the quote in the claim.

### Evidence from web\_search

Fact-checkers from Yahoo News ([Source](#)) and CNN ([Source](#)) state that Zelenskyy did not say the U.S. would have to send their sons and daughters to die for Ukraine. VOA News also published an article with the same conclusion ([Source](#)).

The remarks were made two years before the alleged February 2025 White House visit. Zelenskyy was discussing a hypothetical scenario where the loss of Ukraine could lead to a broader conflict involving the U.S.



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## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Zelenskyy did not make the statement attributed to him in the claim. Fact-checkers from Yahoo News, CNN, and VOA News have all refuted the claim that

Zelenskyy said the U.S. would have to send their sons and daughters to die for Ukraine. The evidence also shows that the alleged statement was made two years before the White House meeting.

## Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. Fact-checkers have debunked the statement attributed to Zelenskyy. The statement was made two years before the alleged White House meeting.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is false. Fact-checkers from [Yahoo News](#), [CNN](#), and VOA News have debunked the statement attributed to Zelenskyy. The statement was made two years before the alleged White House meeting.