

# Claim

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

## Actions

`image_search("US aid Ukraine laundered Democrat candidates")`

## Evidence

### Evidence from `image_search`

Reuters published an article on April 20, 2024, about the US House vote on a Ukraine aid package, which includes an image of a Ukrainian flag and an American flag in front of the Capitol Building (



). The New York Times published an article about Andriy Derkach (



A Politico article about Johnson on Ukraine aid stopgap was also found, but the content is not available.

## Elaboration

The evidence does not contain any information about the claim that half of the US aid to Ukraine was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates. The search results mention a Reuters article about the US House vote on a Ukraine aid package and a New York Times article about Andriy Derkach. However, neither of these articles provides any details about the alleged laundering or the involvement of Democrat candidates.

The Politico article about Johnson on Ukraine aid stopgap is not available.

Therefore, the claim cannot be verified with the provided evidence.

## Actions

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

### Evidence from `image_search`

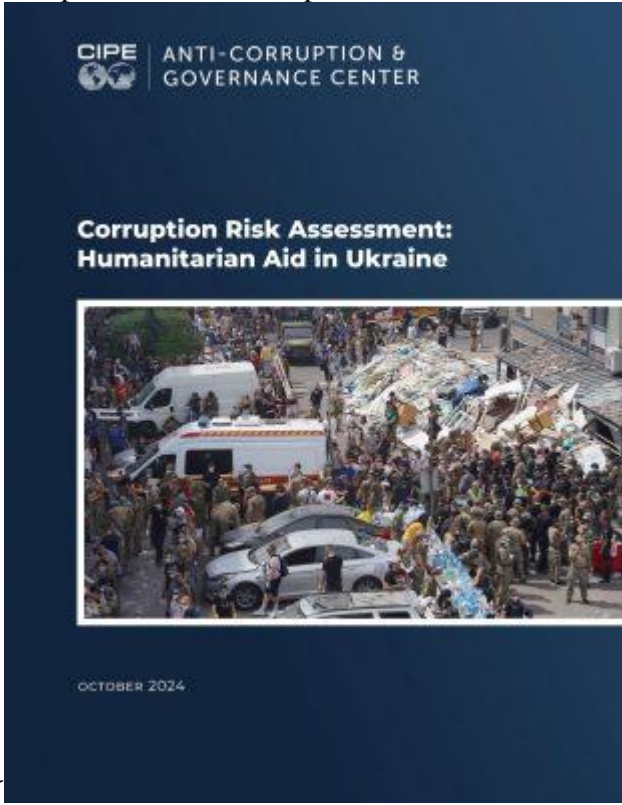
The Institute for the Study of War published a fact sheet about US assistance to Ukraine, stating that US oversight is extensive and that Ukrainian government oversight and



accountability are extensive and growing. The fact sheet includes an image comparing claims and facts about US aid to Ukraine (

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.

). CIPE published a report titled "Corruption Risk Assessment: Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine"



in October 2024 ( ). The International Bar Association published an article about the delay of US aid to Ukraine, which includes an



image of boxes with supplies (



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The provided sources are: <https://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/fact-sheet-us-assistance-ukraine>, <https://www.cipe.org/resources/corruption-risk-assessment-humanitarian-aid-in-ukraine/>, and <https://www.ibanet.org/Russia-Ukraine-US-aid-delay-critical-as-country-looks-to-boost-frontline-fight>.

## Evidence from image\_search

From [Source](#): Content: CEPA published an article that includes an image of Zelenskyy with McConnell and Schumer (



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# Elaboration

The evidence provides information about US aid to Ukraine, including oversight and accountability measures. The Institute for the Study of War states that US oversight is extensive, and Ukrainian government oversight is growing. CIPE published a report on corruption risks in humanitarian aid in Ukraine. However, none of the provided sources support the claim that half of the US aid was laundered and sent to Democrat candidates. The CEPA article includes an image of Zelenskyy with McConnell and Schumer, but it does not mention any financial misconduct.

The claim remains unverified due to the lack of evidence supporting the alleged laundering and the involvement of Democrat candidates.

## Actions

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image_search("Ukraine aid corruption investigation")  
image_search("US aid to Ukraine political donations")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from `image_search`

From [Source](#): Content: Al Jazeera published an article about a corruption scheme uncovered in Ukraine's defense sector.



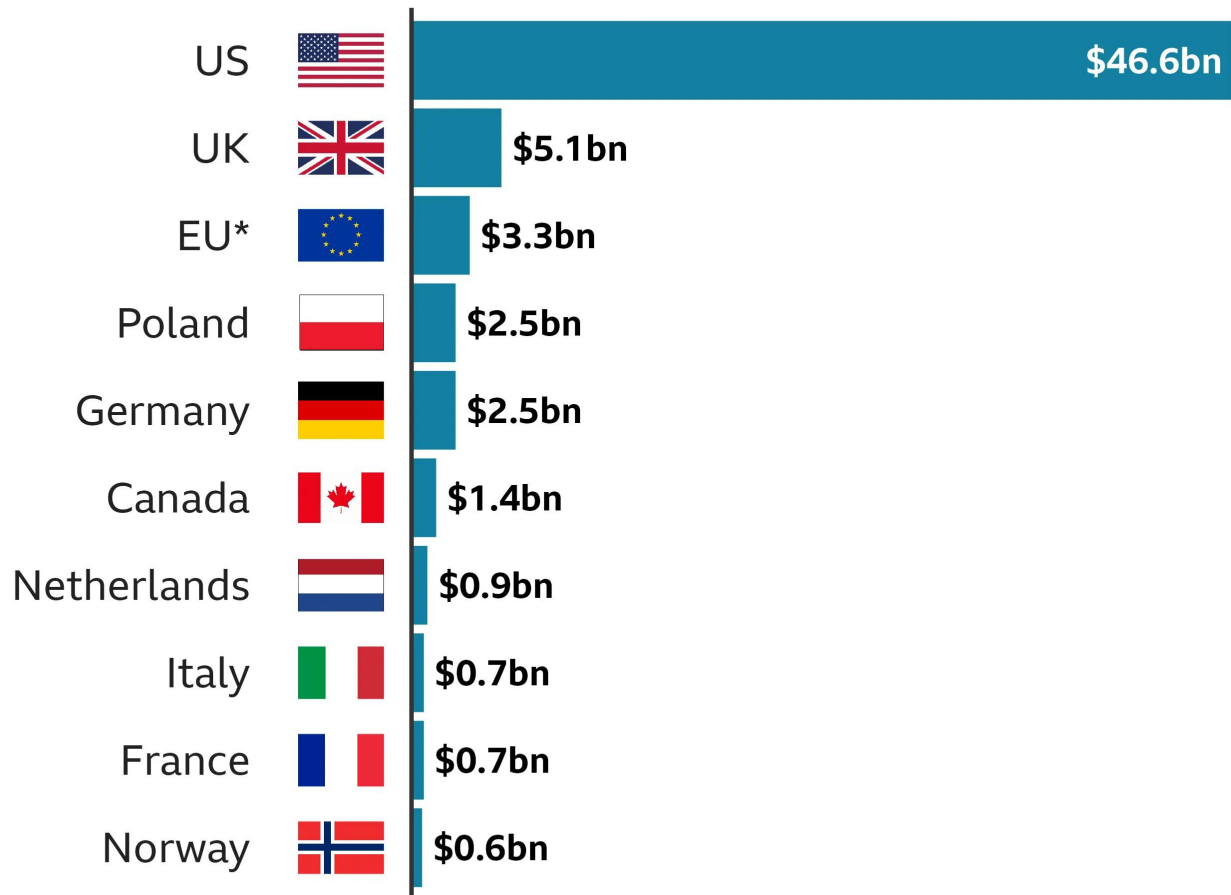


### Evidence from `image_search`

The BBC published an article on February 21, 2023, about the largest donors of military aid to Ukraine, with the US being the largest donor, providing \$46.6 billion (

# Largest donors of military aid to Ukraine

Commitments made by donors for arms and equipment,  
24 Jan 2022 to 15 Jan 2023



\*Commitments by EU institutions include the Commission, Council, EPF and EIB  
Figures do not include commitments related to other military purposes

Source: Kiel Institute for the World Economy, 21 Feb 2023

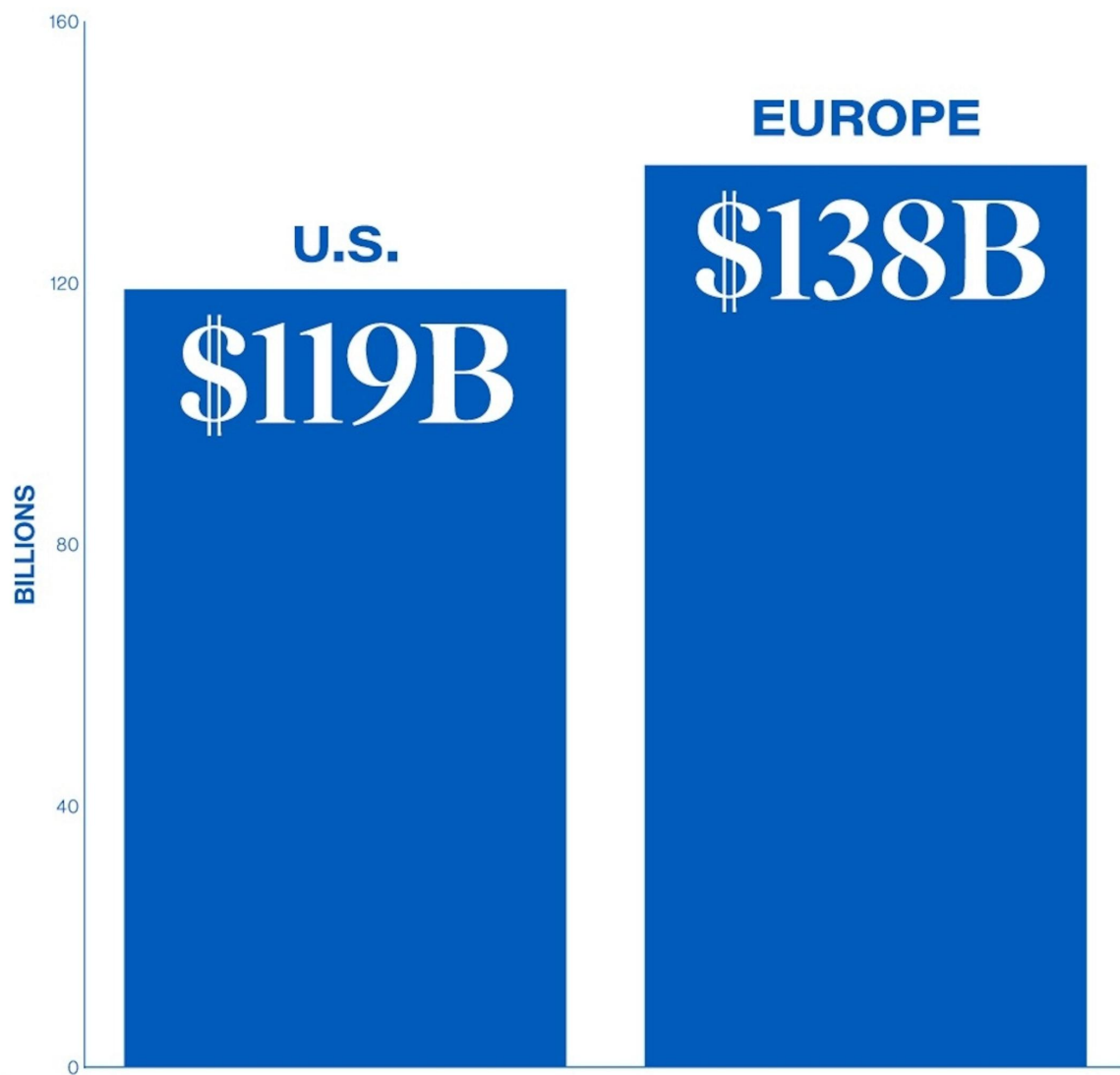
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). ABC News published a fact-check on Trump's claims about the amount of US aid to Ukraine, including a graphic from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy showing government support for Ukraine by the numbers (

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Numbers from The Kiel Institute  
for the World Economy

## Government support for Ukraine by the numbers



Source: Kiel Institute for the World Economy

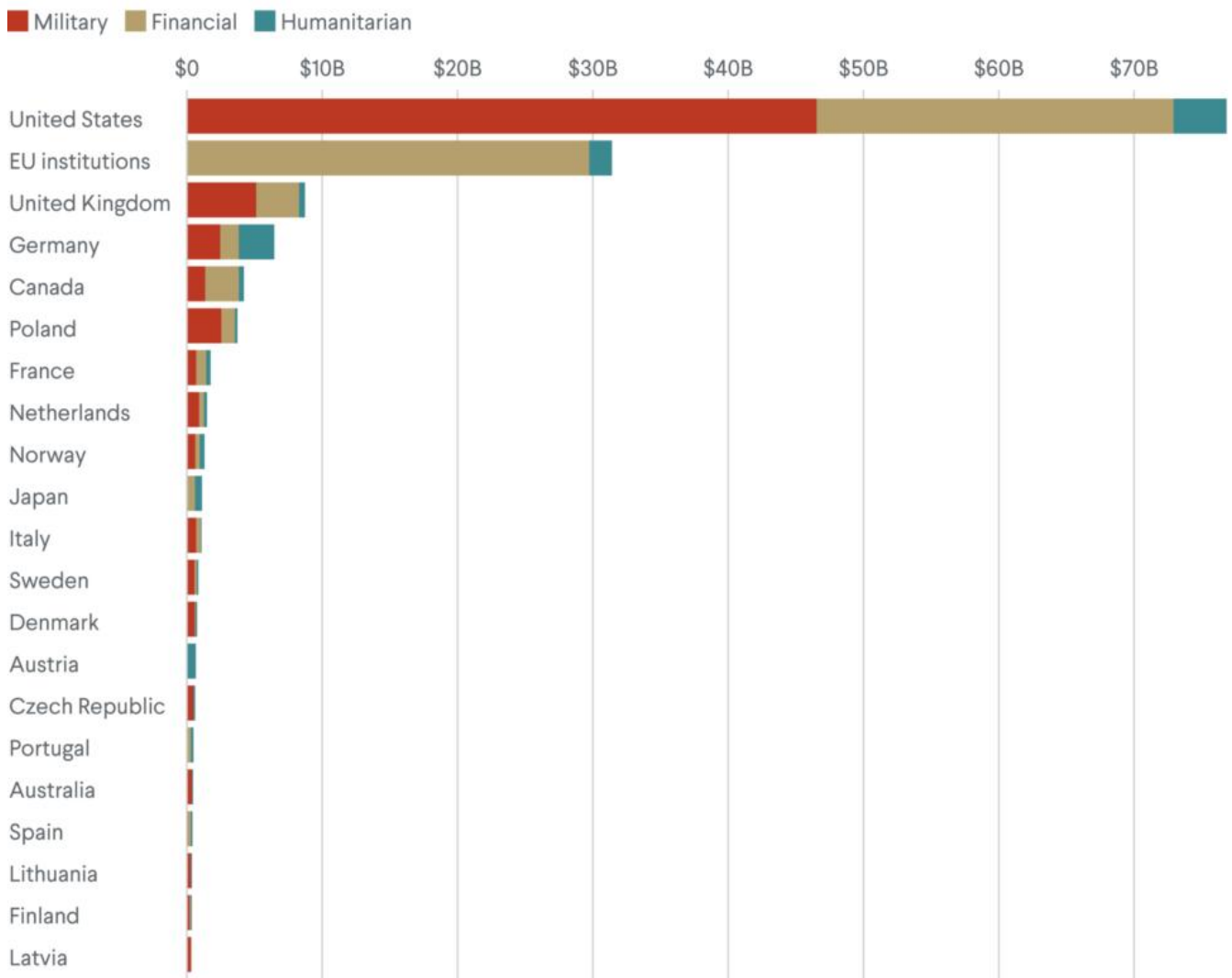
abc NEWS

). PBS published an article about US aid to Ukraine, which includes a chart showing the amount of aid provided by the US and other countries (



## U.S. Aid to Ukraine Far Exceeds That From Other Countries

Bilateral aid from the EU institutions and the top 20 donor countries as of January 15, 2023



Note: Data source includes EU member states, members of the Group of Seven (G7), Australia, China, India, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, and Turkey.

Source: Antezza et al., Ukraine Support Tracker, Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

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). None of the sources mention the claim that half of the US aid to Ukraine was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates.

## Elaboration

The evidence reveals that the US has provided substantial aid to Ukraine. While there are reports of corruption within Ukraine's defense sector, and the US is the largest donor of military aid, there is no evidence to support the claim that half of the US aid was laundered and sent to Democrat candidates. The provided sources focus on the amount of aid, oversight, and corruption risks, but they do not mention any financial misconduct involving US aid being diverted to political campaigns. Therefore, the claim remains unsubstantiated.

## Final Judgement

The fact-check reveals that while there is evidence of US aid to Ukraine and discussions

about corruption risks, there is no evidence to support the claim that half of the US aid was laundered and sent back to Democrat candidates. The provided sources focus on the amount of aid, oversight, and corruption risks, but they do not mention any financial misconduct involving US aid being diverted to political campaigns.

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## **Verdict: FALSE**

### **Justification**

The claim is unsupported by the evidence. While the US has provided significant aid to Ukraine, and there are discussions about corruption risks, there is no evidence to suggest that half of the aid was laundered and sent to Democrat candidates. The search results include articles about US aid, corruption in Ukraine, and the amounts of aid provided by different countries, such as the BBC's article on the largest donors of military aid to Ukraine (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-64726596>), but none of them support the specific claim.