

Claim

Claim: "E! News reported that the United States Agency Aid and Development (USAID) paid millions for celebrities to visit Ukraine."

Actions

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web_search("E! News USAID Ukraine celebrities")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

The BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0m12wl0jwpo>) and The Hollywood Reporter (<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/politics-news/fake-online-usaid-paid-hollywood-stars-debunked-1236129713/>) reported on a fake video claiming USAID paid Hollywood celebrities, including Angelina Jolie, Sean Penn, and Ben Stiller, to visit Ukraine. The BBC identified the video as part of a Russian disinformation campaign.

Vanity Fair (https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srsltid=AfmBOooGw1dpqnug2OYCP6ztL_oyb-nbLtgTwlK9XIbCoPDkIdmO6uAz) also reported on the claims, with Ben Stiller denying them and the UNHCR confirming Stiller self-funded his trip.

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that the claim is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC and The Hollywood Reporter, debunked a video alleging that USAID paid celebrities to visit Ukraine. The BBC identified the video as part of a Russian disinformation campaign.

Final Judgement

The claim that E! News reported USAID paid millions for celebrities to visit Ukraine is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC and The Hollywood Reporter, debunked the claim, identifying it as part of a disinformation campaign.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0m12wl0jwpo>) and The Hollywood Reporter (<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/politics-news/fake-online-usaid-paid-hollywood-stars-debunked-1236129713/>), debunked a video alleging USAID paid celebrities to visit Ukraine, with the BBC identifying it as Russian disinformation.