

Claim

Claim: "In a press conference on December 9, 2024 Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said: 'I will ask Biden to invite me to NATO ... there's no point in talking to Trump.'"

Actions

`web_search("Zelenskyy Biden NATO Trump December 9 2024")`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

On December 9, 2024, The Guardian reported that Volodymyr Zelenskyy would discuss NATO membership with Joe Biden. The article also mentions Donald Trump and the idea of foreign troops being deployed to Ukraine until it joins NATO.



The Associated Press (AP) reported that Zelenskyy is open to the potential deployment of Western troops in Ukraine and met with Donald Trump in Paris. [image:0](#) KGNS.tv reported on Trump's call for an immediate ceasefire with Ukraine after meeting with Zelenskyy in Paris.

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that Zelenskyy discussed NATO membership with Biden on December 9, 2024. The evidence also mentions Donald Trump in relation to Ukraine, including a meeting in Paris. However, the evidence does not contain the specific quote attributed to Zelenskyy in the claim.

Therefore, the veracity of the claim cannot be fully determined based on the provided evidence. The exact quote needs to be verified.

Insufficient information.

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`web_search("Zelenskyy quote Biden NATO Trump December 9 2024")`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

On December 9, 2024, articles from The Kyiv Independent (<https://kyivindependent.com/zelensky-plans-to-discuss-nato-invitation-with-biden-president-said/>) and NV.ua (<https://english.nv.ua/nation/zelenskyy-plans-nato-talks-with-biden-acknowledges-trump-s-current-limits-50472802.html>) reported that Zelenskyy planned to discuss NATO membership with Biden. The Kyiv Independent quotes Zelenskyy saying, "By the way, I am going to call President Biden in the near future to raise the issue of Ukraine's NATO invitation." NV.ua quotes Zelenskyy saying, "I'm planning, by the way, to call President Biden soon, if he has the opportunity to talk with me, and raise the issue of NATO membership."

Breaking Defense (<https://breakingdefense.com/2024/07/zelenskyy-implores-us-to-continue-aid-for-ukraine-amid-election-uncertainty/>) reported on a speech by Zelenskyy at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, mentioning meetings with Donald Trump and Zelenskyy's hope that Trump would continue current US policy toward Ukraine. [image:0](#)

Elaboration

The new evidence provides quotes from Zelenskyy regarding his intention to discuss NATO membership with Biden. However, the evidence does not contain the exact quote from the claim. The evidence does mention Zelenskyy's meetings with Trump and his hopes for continued US support.

Insufficient information.

Actions

`web_search("Zelenskyy press conference December 9 2024 NATO Trump")`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

On December 9, 2024, Reuters reported that Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated, "And there is no point in discussing with President Trump something that is not up to him today - while he is not yet in the White House." [image:0](#) The article also mentions a joint press conference with German opposition leader Friedrich Merz and that Zelenskyy was hoping to call Joe Biden to discuss NATO membership. Al Jazeera reported on Zelenskyy's remarks, including a statement on X (formerly Twitter) where he said that Putin "fears only [Trump] and, perhaps, China." [image:0](#) The Al Jazeera article also mentions a meeting between Zelenskyy, Trump, and Macron in Paris on December 7, 2024.

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that on December 9, 2024, Zelenskyy stated, "And there is no point in discussing with President Trump something that is not up to him today - while he is not yet in the White House." This statement aligns with the claim's assertion that Zelenskyy expressed a reluctance to engage with Trump. The evidence also supports the claim's context by mentioning Zelenskyy's intention to discuss NATO membership with Biden.

The claim is partially verified.

Final Judgement

The evidence confirms that Zelenskyy made a statement on December 9, 2024, that aligns with the claim's sentiment about not discussing certain matters with Trump. The evidence also supports the context of the claim by mentioning Zelenskyy's intention to discuss NATO membership with Biden. However, the exact quote from the claim is not fully present in the evidence, but the sentiment is. *misleading*

Verdict: MISLEADING

Justification

On December 9, 2024, Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated, "And there is no point in discussing with President Trump something that is not up to him today - while he is not yet in the White House," as reported by Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-president-zelenskiy-says-no-point-discussing-with-trump-2024-12-09/>). This statement aligns with the claim's sentiment about not discussing certain matters with Trump. The evidence also supports the context of the claim by mentioning Zelenskyy's intention to discuss NATO membership with Biden. However, the exact quote from the claim is not fully present in the evidence, but the sentiment is.