

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows Ben Stiller and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at their meeting on June 20, 2022, for which Stiller received \$4 million from USAID."

Actions

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reverse_search(![image 17] (media/56.jpg))  
web_search("Ben Stiller Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting June 20 2022")  
web_search("Ben Stiller USAID Ukraine")
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image of Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelenskyy is from their meeting on June 20, 2022, as reported by Sky News (<https://news.sky.com/story/ukraine-war-ben-stiller-visits-kyiv-and-tells-president-volodymyr-zelenskyy-you-are-my-hero-12636878>) and Deadline (<https://deadline.com/2022/06/ukraine-zelensky-ben-stiller-visit-international-refugee-day-joe-biden-russia-war-1235048800/>). The image is used in a disinformation campaign claiming that Stiller was paid by USAID, which is denied by Stiller, according to Maldita.es (<https://maldita.es/malditobulo/20250207/hollywood-disinformation-twitter-community-notes/>).

The Maldita.es article discusses the disinformation campaign and the lack of evidence for USAID payments to celebrities. The Sky News article reports on Stiller's visit to Kyiv and his meeting with Zelenskyy. The Deadline article also covers the meeting, but does not mention Stiller receiving money from USAID.



Can you imagine, Ben Stiller was paid \$4 million by USAID to take these photos with Zelensky...



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USAID pagó a estrellas de Hollywood para que viajaran a Ucrania

Angeline Jolie, Orlando Bloom, Ben Stiller, Sean Penn, Van Damme - alle erhielten von #USAID Millionen von Dollar für ihre Reisen in die Ukraine. Vermutlich zur #Demokratieförderung. Oh! So war das also mit der uneigennütigen Unterstützung der #Ukraine... t.me/dillfrash/43181

USAID sponsored American celebrity visits to Ukraine after Russia's full-scale invasion began

DISINFO REPORT

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Alienor d'Aubigné @AlienorAubigne

L'USAID a payé des stars d'Hollywood pour qu'elles se rendent en Ukraine rencontrer Zelensky

Angeline Jolie - 20 000 000 \$

Orlando Bloom - 8 000 000 \$

Ben Stiller - 4 000 000 \$

Sean Penn - 5 000 000 \$

Van Damme - 1 500 000 \$

PIATŢI FĂCUTE DE USAID PENTRU TEATRUL DE LA KIEV:
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Ben Stiller - 4.000.000 de dolari
Sean Penn - 5.000.000 de dolari
Orlando Bloom - 8.000.000 USD
Angeline Jolie - 20.000.000 de dolari

USAID - za podróŜowanie na Ukrainę i robienie zdjęć z Zeleńskim
płacił gwiazdom Hollywood następujące gaŜe:

- Van Dam: 1 500 000 US Dollar
- Ben Stiller: 4 000 000 US Dollar
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\$20,000,000

Angelina Jolie

Las estrellas de Hollywood venden su "apoyo" a Ucrania a cambio de millones de la USAID.

Los datos muestran que las celebridades no visitaron Kiev por voluntad propia, sino a cambio de generosos pagos de la USAID, una agencia financiada por contribuyentes responsables.

Jean-Claude Van Damme - 1,5 millones de dólares, Ben Stiller - 4 millones de dólares, Sean Penn - 5 millones de dólares, Orlando Bloom - 8 millones de dólares. La líder fue Angelina Jolie, que recibió 20 millones de dólares por una visita de un día a Lviv.

En 2022, la campaña Stand Up for Ukraine recaudó 9100 millones de euros, pero al final, parte de los fondos no fueron a parar a los refugiados, sino a los bolsillos de los "filántropos" de Hollywood.

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Angelina Jolie fue la que más costó: 20 millones de dólares



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Ha llegado el momento de decirlo alto y claro: TENÍAMOS RAZÓN.

Con la caída de USAID se ha confirmado de sobra que los medios occidentales efectivamente son PROPAGANDA OCCIDENTAL y están pagados con dinero estadounidense.

Y lo de los actores de Hollywood ya es para nota...



Angelina Jolie

Angelina Jolie \$20 millones

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It turns out that USAID funded visits by American celebrities to the Zelenskys to support the dictator.

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Video has been fabricated to appear as though it came from ENews but there is no evidence that ENews ever reported this.

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Ben Stiller has also explicitly denied this allegation, stating his trip was entirely self-funded.

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Ben Stiller insists his humanitarian trip was self-funded.

His X bio states he is an UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador.

UNHCR has received \$2.49 billion in funds from the US in 2024.

<https://x.com/BenStiller/status/1887202576845971637>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/28/un-aid-cuts-trump-funding>

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USAID allegedly paid actor Ben Stiller \$4 million for this meeting with Zelensky

Our tax dollars... hard at work, promoting war.

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Angelina Jolie was paid \$20 million by USAID to take these photos w/ Ukrainian children.



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Evidence from **web_search**

The BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61875351>) and the New York Post (<https://nypost.com/2022/06/20/ben-stiller-met-with-zelensky-in-ukraine-on-world-refugee-day/>) reported that Ben Stiller met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on June 20, 2022, in Kyiv. Stiller was visiting as a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador. The ABC News (<https://abcnews.go.com/International/ben-stiller-meets-volodymyr-zelenskyy-ukraine-world-refugee/story?id=85517989>) also reported on the meeting.

The BBC source includes the image of the meeting (



). The ABC News and the New York Post sources do not mention Stiller receiving \$4 million from USAID.

Evidence from web_search

Ben Stiller denied claims that he received \$4 million from USAID for his trip to Ukraine, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip. He met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in June 2022 (



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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) confirmed that Stiller is not compensated for his work with UNHCR and self-funds his travel. Sources: <https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?>

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Elaboration

The claim that Ben Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for his meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyy on June 20, 2022, is false. Multiple sources confirm the meeting took place, and the image provided is from that meeting. However, Ben Stiller denied receiving any payment from USAID for his trip, stating that he self-funded it. The UNHCR also confirmed that Stiller is not compensated for his work and funds his travel.

Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. While the image and meeting date are accurate, the assertion that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is refuted by Stiller himself and the UNHCR. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. While the image accurately depicts Ben Stiller's meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyy on June 20, 2022, the assertion that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for the trip is demonstrably false. Stiller denied receiving any payment, and the UNHCR confirmed that he self-funds his humanitarian work, as reported by [Vanity Fair](#).