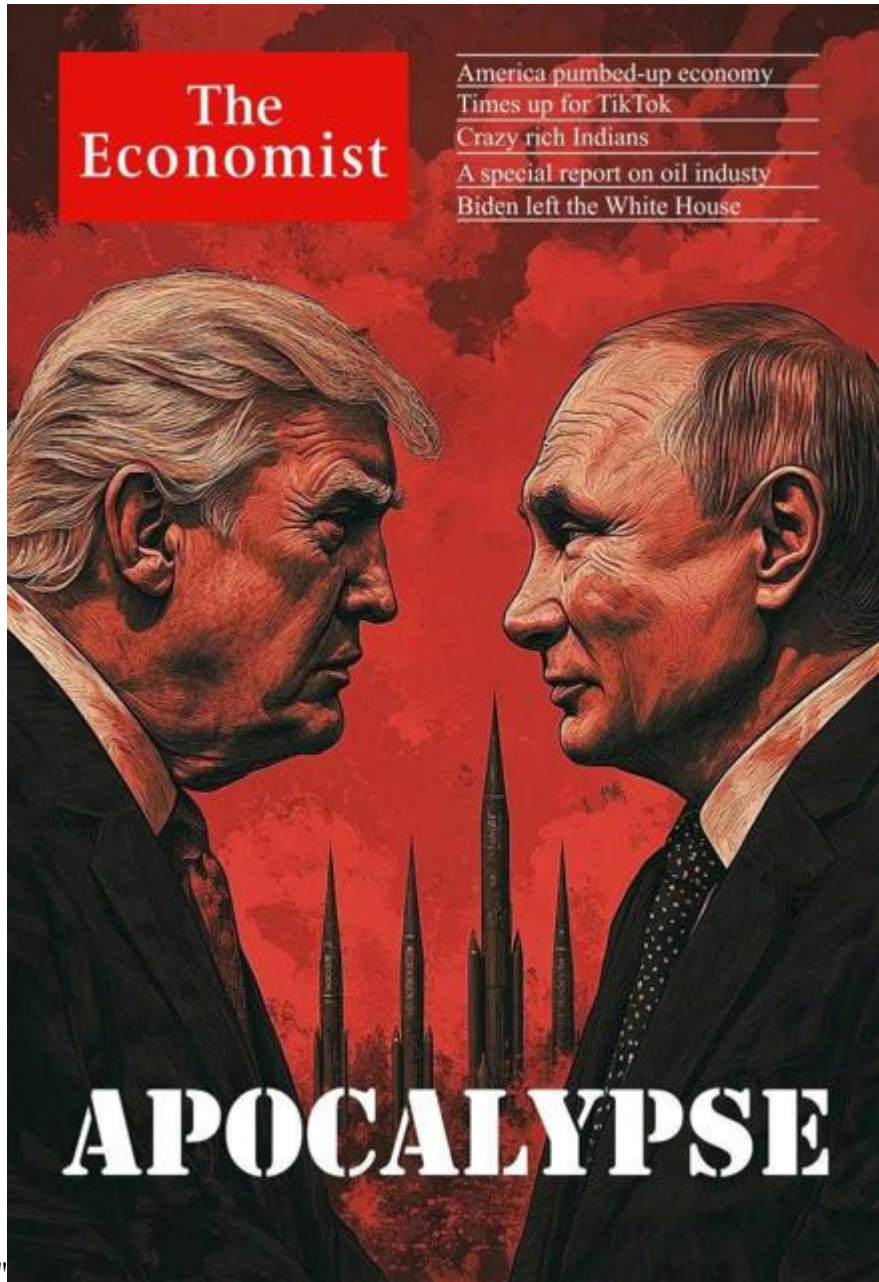


## Claim



Claim: "This image shows a screenshot of an authentic cover of the magazine The Economist from the end of 2024 illustrating Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin and warning of an apocalypse."

## Actions

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reverse_search(![image 2] (media/3.jpg))
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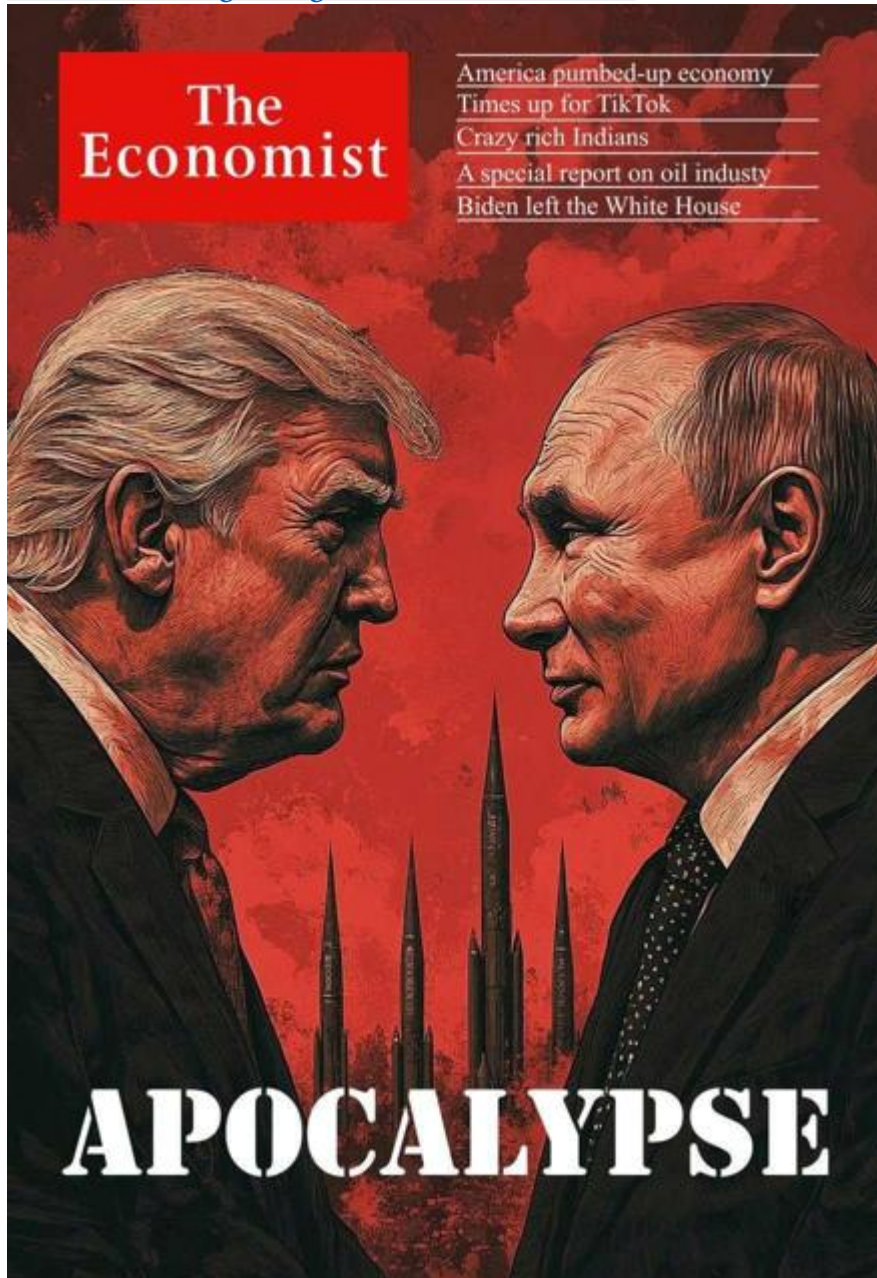
## Evidence

### Evidence from **reverse\_search**

The image of the Economist cover featuring Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin is altered and not authentic. PesaCheck states the original cover was from March 16, 2024, and did not include the images of Trump and Putin. The article was published on December 9, 2024, and the altered cover does not display a publication date. (<https://pesacheck.org/alterd-this->

[front-cover-was-not-published-by-the-economist-cd0c20d99b9b\)](#)

DW.COM mentions the image as a fabricated news report, stating the cover never existed and was a disinformation tactic. (<https://www.dw.com/en/fact-check-how-to-spot-fabricated-news-reports/a-71992819>) Ukrinform.net identifies the image as a fake cover created by Russian propagandists, lacking a publication date, with the actual Economist issue from November 16, 2024, depicting a globe being struck by a golf club. (<https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-factcheck/3930063-russian-propaganda-fabricates-the-economist-cover-about-beginning-of-world-war-iii.html>)



## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that the image is not an authentic cover of The Economist. Multiple sources, including PesaCheck, DW.COM, and Ukrinform.net, confirm that the image has been altered or fabricated. The original covers from the relevant dates did not feature the images of Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin. The image is identified as disinformation and propaganda.

## Final Judgement

The claim is demonstrably false. The image is a fabricated cover of The Economist, not an authentic one. Multiple sources confirm the image has been altered or fabricated and is not a genuine publication. `false`

**Verdict: FALSE**

### **Justification**

The image purporting to be a cover of The Economist featuring Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin is a fabrication. Fact-checks from PesaCheck, DW.COM, and Ukrinform.net confirm that the image is altered and not authentic, with the original covers from the relevant dates not featuring the depicted imagery. The image is identified as disinformation.