# Claim

Claim: "French President Emmanuel Macron called Russian President Vladimir Putin a 'butcher' during his press conference with Donald Trump on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025."

### **Actions**

image\_search("Emmanuel Macron Donald Trump press conference")

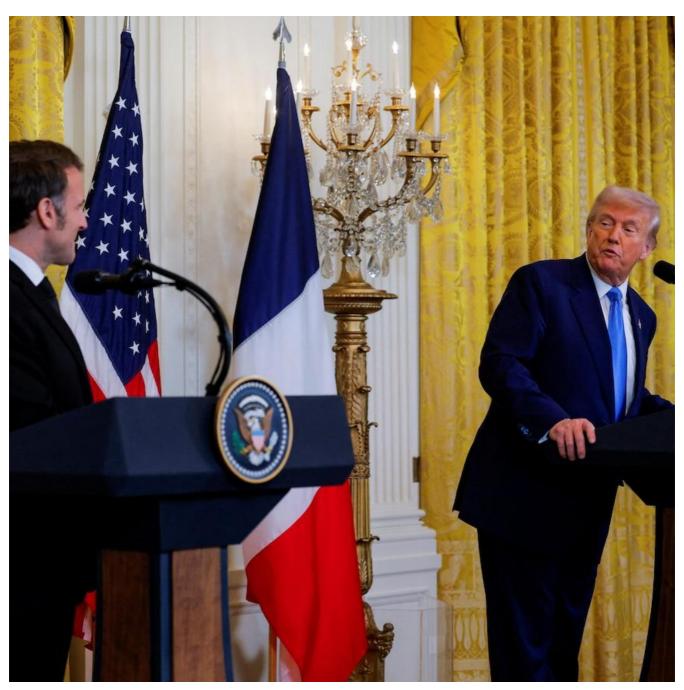
#### **Evidence**

#### Evidence from image\_search

The search results include images of Emmanuel Macron and Donald Trump. One source is from VPM.org (<a href="https://www.vpm.org/npr-news/npr-news/2025-02-24/trump-and-macron-meet-in-washington-as-europe-pleads-for-continued-help-with-ukraine">https://www.vpm.org/npr-news/npr-news/2025-02-24/trump-and-macron-meet-in-washington-as-europe-pleads-for-continued-help-with-ukraine</a>).



Another source is from ABC News Australia (<a href="https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/pm/macron-corrects-trump-in-press-conference/104981718">https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/pm/macron-corrects-trump-in-press-conference/104981718</a>), and the third is from ABC News (<a href="https://abcnews.go.com/International/macron-warns-trump-careful-ukraine-fact-checks-white/story?id=119157061">https://abcnews.go.com/International/macron-warns-trump-careful-ukraine-fact-checks-white/story?id=119157061</a>).



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### **Elaboration**

The evidence confirms that a press conference between Macron and Trump took place. The provided links (<a href="https://www.vpm.org/npr-news/npr-news/2025-02-24/trump-and-macron-meet-in-washington-as-europe-pleads-for-continued-help-with-ukraine">https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/pm/macron-corrects-trump-in-press-conference/104981718</a>, and <a href="https://abcnews.go.com/International/macron-warns-trump-careful-ukraine-fact-checks-white/story?id=119157061">https://abcnews.go.com/International/macron-warns-trump-careful-ukraine-fact-checks-white/story?id=119157061</a>) provide additional context. However, none of the provided evidence mentions whether Macron called Putin a "butcher" during the press conference.

To verify the claim, information about the content of the press conference is needed.

### **Actions**

image\_search("Macron Trump press conference Putin butcher")

# **Evidence**

# Evidence from image\_search

The search results confirm that a meeting and press conference between Trump and Macron took place on February 24, 2025. NPR.org (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2025/02/24/nx-s1-5306974/trump-macron-white-house-russia-ukraine-war-nato">https://www.npr.org/2025/02/24/nx-s1-5306974/trump-macron-white-house-russia-ukraine-war-nato</a>), ABC News (<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/trump-ukraine-putin-peacekeepers-macron">https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/trump-ukraine-putin-peacekeepers-macron</a>) all reported on the event.







The summaries do not mention whether Macron called Putin a "butcher" during the press conference.

#### **Elaboration**

The evidence confirms that a press conference between Macron and Trump took place on February 24, 2025. However, the provided sources (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2025/02/24/nx-s1-5306974/trump-macron-white-house-russia-ukraine-war-nato">https://www.npr.org/2025/02/24/nx-s1-5306974/trump-macron-white-house-russia-ukraine-war-nato</a>, <a href="https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-hosts-frances-macron-white-house-amid-ukraine/story?id=119123204">https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-hosts-frances-macron-white-house-amid-ukraine/story?id=119123204</a>, and <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/trump-ukraine-putin-peacekeepers-macron">https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/24/trump-ukraine-putin-peacekeepers-macron</a>) do not provide any information about Macron calling Putin a "butcher."

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

# **Actions**

image\_search("Macron Putin butcher")

# **Evidence**

### Evidence from image\_search

From Source: Content: Axios reports that Macron called Putin a "butcher" in March 2022.



#### **Elaboration**

The evidence indicates that Macron did call Putin a "butcher," but this occurred in March 2022, not during a press conference with Trump on February 24, 2025.

Therefore, the claim is false.

# **Final Judgement**

The search results confirm that Macron did call Putin a "butcher," but this occurred in March 2022, not during a press conference with Trump on February 24, 2025. Therefore, the claim is not factually accurate.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### Justification

The claim is false. While Emmanuel Macron did call Vladimir Putin a "butcher," according to an Axios report (<a href="https://www.axios.com/2022/03/27/macron-putin-biden-escalate">https://www.axios.com/2022/03/27/macron-putin-biden-escalate</a>), this occurred in March 2022, not during a press conference with Donald Trump on February 24, 2025.