

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

Several news outlets, 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 that USAID paid Hollywood celebrities to visit Ukraine. The BBC identified the video as a Russian disinformation campaign.

The Hollywood Reporter and Vanity Fair (https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srltid=AfmBOooGw1dpqnug2OYCP6ztL_oyb-nbLtgTwlK9XIbCoPDkIdmO6uAz) reported that the video falsely claimed that celebrities like Angelina Jolie, Sean Penn, and Ben Stiller received payments. Ben Stiller denied the claims, and the UNHCR confirmed that Stiller self-funded his trip. The Hollywood Reporter also noted that the video falsely cited "eonline.com" as its source, a claim dismissed by E! News' parent company.

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that the claim is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC and The Hollywood Reporter, debunked a video that alleged USAID paid celebrities to visit Ukraine. The Hollywood Reporter specifically mentions that the video falsely cited "eonline.com" as its source, which was dismissed by E! News' parent company.

Final Judgement

The claim that E! News reported USAID paid celebrities to visit Ukraine is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC and The Hollywood Reporter, debunked a video making this claim. The video falsely cited "eonline.com" as its source, which was dismissed by E! News' parent company.

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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/](https://www.eonline.com/news/politics-news/fake-online-usaid-paid-hollywood-stars-debunked-1236129713/)), debunked a video alleging that USAID paid celebrities to visit Ukraine. The video falsely cited "eonline.com" as its source, which was dismissed by E! News' parent company.