

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

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web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy press conference December 9 2024")
web_search("Zelenskyy Biden NATO Trump")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

On December 9, 2024, The Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2024/dec/09/russia-ukraine-war-live-donald-trump-ceasefire-call-volodymyr-zelenskyy>) reported on a press conference where Volodymyr Zelenskyy discussed NATO membership with Joe Biden and the possibility of foreign troops in Ukraine.

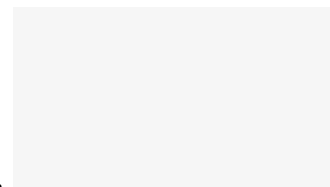
Euractiv (<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/zelenskyy-seeks-diplomatic-end-to-russias-war-floats-role-for-foreign-troops/>) reported that Zelenskyy said he would ask Biden to invite him to NATO and that there was no point in talking to Trump. Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/zelenskiy-floats-idea-deploying-foreign-troops-ukraine-before-nato-membership-2024-12-09/>) also reported on the press conference, stating Zelenskyy said, "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:k](#)

Evidence from web_search

Newsweek reports on the Trump administration providing Ukraine with "deeper strike capabilities" and mentions engagement with Russian and Ukrainian officials (<https://www.newsweek.com/trump-giving-ukraine-capability-strike-deeper-russia-nato-ambassador-2122053>). The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) discusses a meeting between Trump and Zelenskyy at a NATO summit in 2025 (<https://www.cfr.org/article/trump-and-zelenskyy-meet-sidelines-nato-summit>).

The BBC published an article on August 18, 2025, discussing Donald Trump's statements regarding Ukraine and NATO, including a meeting at the White House ([https://](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cm21j1ve817o)

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Elaboration

The claim is partially supported by the evidence. Multiple sources, including Euractiv (<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/zelenskyy-seeks-diplomatic-end-to-russias-war-floats-role-for-foreign-troops/>) and Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/zelenskiy-floats-idea-deploying-foreign-troops-ukraine-before-nato-membership-2024-12-09/>), confirm that Zelenskyy stated he would ask Biden to invite him to NATO during a press conference on December 9, 2024.

The evidence also supports the second part of the claim. Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/zelenskiy-floats-idea-deploying-foreign-troops-ukraine-before-nato-membership-2024-12-09/>) reported Zelenskyy's statement that there was no point in discussing with Trump "while he is not yet in the White House."

Final Judgement

The evidence confirms that Zelenskyy made the statements attributed to him in the claim during a press conference on December 9, 2024. He stated he would ask Biden to invite him to NATO and that there was no point in talking to Trump.

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Verdict: TRUE

Justification

During a press conference on December 9, 2024, Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated he would ask Biden to invite him to NATO and that there was no point in discussing with Trump, as reported by Reuters (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/zelenskiy-floats-idea-deploying-foreign-troops-ukraine-before-nato-membership-2024-12-09/>) and Euractiv (<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/zelenskyy-seeks-diplomatic-end-to-russias-war-floats-role-for-foreign-troops/>).