## Claim

Claim: "



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

## **Actions**

web\_search("Ben Stiller Zelensky meeting June 20 2022")
web\_search("Ben Stiller USAID Ukraine")

## **Evidence**

## Evidence from web\_search

Ben Stiller met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on June 20, 2022, as part of his role as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The meeting was to mark World Refugee Day. The Washington Post published a video of the meeting.

The sources do not mention Stiller receiving \$4 million from USAID.

**References:** 







### Evidence from web\_search

Ben Stiller met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. However, Stiller refuted claims that he received \$4 million from USAID for his trip to Ukraine, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip.



Sources include Vanity Fair (<a href="https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?">https://www.imedb.com/musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?</a> srsltid = AfmBOoqmZtyUwoMPiFsX8zL7DdXJOT30rVSXIZLNyC8z9NQ6jnf-Uufb), IMDB (<a href="https://www.imdb.com/news/ni65111956/">https://www.imdb.com/news/ni65111956/</a>), and MSNBC (<a href="https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/-totally-false-actor-ben-stiller-debunks-claims-usaid-funded-ukraine-trip-231285317684</a>).

## **Elaboration**

The claim that Ben Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for his meeting with Volodymyr Zelensky is false. Evidence indicates that Stiller met with Zelensky on June 20, 2022, as part of his role as a goodwill ambassador for the UNHCR. However, Stiller denied receiving any USAID funding for his trip, stating that he self-funded it.

# **Final Judgement**

The claim is false because the evidence indicates that Ben Stiller did not receive \$4 million from USAID for his meeting with Volodymyr Zelensky. Stiller himself refuted these claims, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### **Justification**

The claim is false. While Ben Stiller did meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on June 20, 2022, as part of his role as a goodwill ambassador for the UNHCR, there is no evidence to support the assertion that he received \$4 million from USAID. In fact, Stiller denied receiving any such funding, stating that he self-funded his trip, as reported by sources like Vanity Fair.