

Claim

Claim: "



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

Actions

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web_search("Ben Stiller Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting June 20 2022")
web_search("Ben Stiller USAID Ukraine")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

Ben Stiller met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on June 20, 2022, as part of his visit as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) according to ABC News (<https://abcnews.go.com/International/ben-stiller-meets-volodymyr-zelenskyy-ukraine-world-refugee/story?id=85517989>). The New York Post also reported on the meeting (<https://nypost.com/2022/06/20/ben-stiller-met-with-zelensky-in-ukraine-on-world-refugee-day/>). The BBC also reported on the meeting (<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61875351>).

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







Evidence from web_search

Ben Stiller refuted claims that his trip to Ukraine was funded by USAID, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip. The claims were amplified by Elon Musk and originated from a video released in February 2025. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) confirmed that Stiller is not compensated for his work with UNHCR and self-funds his travel.

The image shows Ben Stiller and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at their meeting. Sources: <https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srltid=AfmBOoqmZtyUwoMPiFsX8zL7DdXJOT30rVSXIZLNyC8z9NQ6jnf-Uufb>, <https://www.imdb.com/news/ni65111956/>, <https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/-totally-false-actor-ben-stiller-debunks-claims-usaid-funded-ukraine-trip-231285317684>.





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Elaboration

The claim that Ben Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for his meeting with Volodymyr Zelensky is false. Evidence indicates that Stiller's trip was self-funded, and he refuted claims that USAID funded his trip. The meeting did take place on June 20, 2022, as the image suggests.

Final Judgement

The claim is partially false. While the image and the meeting date are accurate, the assertion that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is demonstrably false. false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is partially false. While the image accurately depicts Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelensky meeting on June 20, 2022, the assertion that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is false. Multiple sources, including [Vanity Fair](#), confirm that Stiller self-funded his trip and denied the claims.