

# Claim

Claim: "Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's statement in an AP news interview from February 1, 2025 that his country's military has received only a portion of the more than 175 billion in U.S. aid confirms that the US aid is a money laundering operation."

# Actions

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web_search("Volodymyr Zelenskyy AP interview February 1 2025 US aid")
web_search("US aid to Ukraine money laundering")
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# Evidence

## Evidence from web\_search

The Associated Press interviewed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on February 1, 2025. The interview, also covered by U.S. News & World Report, focused on Zelenskyy's concerns about excluding Ukraine from U.S.-Russia talks and his views on NATO membership. The AP article does not mention the amount of U.S. aid received by Ukraine.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-war-trump-talks-ceasefire-00af5f61f1faf41e78a3b4e072c21a14>, <https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2025-02-01/takeaways-from-the-ap-interview-with-ukraines-zelenskyy>, <https://www.ap.org/news-highlights/best-of-the-week/second-winner/2025/ap-interview-zelenskyy-says-excluding-ukraine-from-u-s-russia-talks-about-war-is-very-dangerous/> [image:k,](#)





# AP

## Evidence from **web\_search**

The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) released an audit of the DoD's execution of funds to assist Ukraine, revealing that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds, \$1.1 billion. The report is titled "Audit of the DoD's Execution of Funds to Assist Ukraine (Report No. DODIG-2025-007)" ([Source](#)).

The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) published a fact sheet dated February 8, 2024, addressing claims about US aid to Ukraine. The fact sheet states that US aid to Ukraine is not a "blank check" and that Congress appropriates specific amounts for specific purposes, with both Ukrainian and US officials monitoring the aid. It also mentions that America's European, Asian, and NATO allies have committed over \$178 billion to support Ukraine, which is more than the US will have committed counting the aid package currently under consideration.

CLAIM	FACT
<i>US aid to Ukraine lacks oversight and is being misused because of corruption in Ukraine.</i>	US oversight is extensive, and Ukrainian government oversight and accountability are extensive and growing.
<i>The United States is giving more support to Ukraine than Europe, and Europe hasn't stepped up.</i>	America's European, Asian, and NATO allies have committed \$178 billion to supporting Ukraine, which is more than the US will have committed counting the aid package currently under consideration.
<i>Ukraine is another "forever war" for the United States.</i>	This is not an American war. It's another nation's war against an American enemy.
<i>Sending military aid to Ukraine degrades America's military readiness.</i>	Sending military aid to Ukraine is enabling the United States to modernize its own military to be better prepared to fight the next war.
<i>The United States is sending Ukraine a "blank check."</i>	The United States has not given Ukraine a "blank check." Congress has appropriated specific amounts to be used for specific purposes. Both Ukrainian and US officials monitor the aid to ensure that it is used for those purposes.

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([Source](#)).

## Elaboration

The evidence does not support the claim. The AP interview with Zelenskyy does not mention the amount of U.S. aid received by Ukraine. Furthermore, the DoD OIG audit revealed that the DoD did not provide sufficient documentation to support the justification or accuracy of half of the total funds. However, the ISW fact sheet states that US aid to Ukraine is not a "blank check" and that both Ukrainian and US officials monitor the aid.

The claim's assertion that Zelenskyy's statement confirms the aid is a money-laundering operation is not supported by the evidence. The evidence does not provide any information



about the nature of the aid or whether it is being used for money laundering.

## Actions

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web_search("US aid to Ukraine audit reports")
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## Evidence

No new evidence found.

## Elaboration

The claim cannot be verified. The AP interview with Zelenskyy does not mention the amount of U.S. aid. While the DoD OIG audit revealed documentation issues, it does not confirm the aid is a money-laundering operation. The ISW fact sheet indicates oversight of the aid. More information is needed to verify the claim.

## Actions

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web_search("Ukraine US aid corruption allegations")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **web\_search**

The Wikipedia article on the 2019 Trump–Ukraine scandal ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019 Trump%E2%80%93Ukraine scandal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Trump%E2%80%93Ukraine_scandal)) details allegations of corruption and investigations. The BBC News reported on January 28, 2024, that Ukraine's security service uncovered corruption in an arms purchase by the military worth about \$40m ([https://](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-68120973)

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## Elaboration

The claim cannot be verified. The evidence does not support the claim that Zelenskyy's statement confirms the US aid is a money-laundering operation. The AP interview does not mention the amount of US aid. While there are reports of corruption in Ukraine, including an arms purchase uncovered by Ukraine's security service, this does not directly link the US aid to money laundering.

## Final Judgement

The claim is not supported by the evidence. The AP interview with Zelenskyy does not mention the amount of U.S. aid. While there are reports of corruption in Ukraine, this does not directly link the US aid to money laundering.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is not supported by the evidence. The AP interview with Zelenskyy, as reported by the [AP News](#), does not mention the amount of U.S. aid. While there are reports of corruption in Ukraine, such as the one reported by [BBC News](#), this does not directly link the US aid to money laundering.