

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

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reverse_search(![image 17] (media/56.jpg))  
image_search("Ben Stiller Volodymyr Zelensky meeting June 20 2022")
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Evidence

Evidence from **reverse_search**

The image of Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelensky is found in multiple sources. One source, [Maldita.es](https://maldita.es), discusses a disinformation campaign claiming that USAID paid celebrities to visit Ukraine and states that the claim that Stiller was paid \$4 million is false. Sky News (<https://news.sky.com/story/ukraine-war-ben-stiller-visits-kyiv-and-tells-president-volodymyr-zelenskyy-you-are-my-hero-12636878>) and Deadline (<https://deadline.com/2022/06/ukraine-zelensky-ben-stiller-visit-international-refugee-day-joe-biden-russia-war-1235048800/>) also feature the image and report on Stiller's visit to Kyiv on June 20, 2022.



USAID - za podróżowanie na Ukrainę i robienie zdjęć z Zelenskim
placil gwiazdom Hollywood następujące gaże:

- Van Dam: 1 500 000 US Dollar
- Ben Stiller: 4 000 000 US Dollar
- Sean Penn: 5 000 000 US Dollar
- Orlando Bloom: 8 000 000 US Dollar
- Angelina Jolie: 20 000 000 US Dollar

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A USAID pagou estrelas de Hollywood para viajarem para a Ucrânia:

- Van Damme - \$ 1.500.000
- Ben Stiller - \$ 4.000.000
- Sean Penn - \$ 5.000.000
- Orlando Bloom - \$ 8.000.000
- Angelina Jolie - \$ 20.000.000

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USAID (la Agencia de Estados Unidos para Interferencia y Destabilización) pagó a las estrellas de Hollywood para que visitaran Kiev después del inicio de la operación especial. El portal E!News publicó los detalles.

Angelina Jolie fue la que más costó: 20 millones de

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USAID sponsored American celebrity visits to Ukraine after Russia's full-scale invasion began

USAID paid \$4 million to Ben Stiller to take these photos w/ Zelensky

Plăți făcute de USAID pentru teatrul de la Kiev:
Van Damme - 1.500.000 USD
Ben Stiller - 4.000.000 de dolari
Sean Penn - 5.000.000 de dolari
Orlando Bloom - 8.000.000 USD
Angelina Jolie - 20.000.000 de dolari

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Los datos muestran que las celebridades no visitaron Kiev por voluntad propia, sino a cambio de generosos pagos de la USAID, una agencia financiada por contribuyentes responsables.

Jean-Claude Van Damme - 1,5 millones de dólares, Ben Stiller - 4 millones de dólares, Sean Penn - 5 millones de dólares, Orlando Bloom - 8 millones de dólares. La líder fue Angelina Jolie, que recibió 20 millones de dólares por una visita de un día a Lviv.

En 2022, la campaña Stand Up for Ukraine recaudó 9.100 millones de euros, pero al final, parte de los fondos no fueron a parar a los refugiados, sino a los bolsillos de los "filántropos" de Hollywood.

USAID pagó a estrellas de Hollywood para que viajaran a Ucrania

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Ha llegado el momento de decirlo alto y claro: TENÍAMOS RAZÓN.

Con la caída de USAID se ha confirmado de sobra que los medios occidentales efectivamente son PROPAGANDA OCCIDENTAL y están pagados con dinero estadounidense.

Y lo de los actores de Hollywood ya es para nota...

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Angelina Jolie \$20 millones

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It turns out that USAID funded visits by American celebrities to the Zelenskys to support the dictator.

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Video has been fabricated to appear as though it came from ENews but there is no evidence that ENews ever reported this.

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Ben Stiller has also explicitly denied this allegation, stating his trip was entirely self-funded.

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Ben Stiller was paid \$4 million by USAID to take these photos w/
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🔍 Evidence for payment claim

Has Stiller commented on the claim?

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Ben Stiller insists his humanitarian trip was self-funded.

His X bio states he is an UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador.

UNHCR has received \$2.49 billion in funds from the US in 2024.

<https://x.com/BenStiller/status/1887202576845971637>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jan/28/un-aid-cuts-trump-funding>

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USAID allegedly paid actor Ben Stiller \$4 million for this meeting with Zelensky

Our tax dollars... hard at work, promoting war.

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Can you imagine, Ben Stiller was paid \$4 million by USAID to take these photos with Zelensky...



What was Stiller's purpose? How was payment verified?

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Angelina Jolie was paid \$20 million by USAID to take these photos w/ Ukrainian children.



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Evidence from image_search

The Los Angeles Times published an article about Ben Stiller's meeting with Volodymyr Zelensky (



). The BBC News website shows a video of Ben Stiller meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (



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The image in the claim shows Ben Stiller and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (



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Elaboration

The claim that the image shows Ben Stiller and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at their meeting on June 20, 2022, is supported by the evidence. Multiple sources confirm the meeting took place on that date. However, the claim that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is false, according to Maldita.es (<https://maldita.es/malditobulo/20250207/hollywood-disinformation-twitter-community-notes/>).

Final Judgement

The image does show Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelensky at their meeting on June 20, 2022. However, the claim that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is false.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image in the claim accurately depicts Ben Stiller and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at their meeting on June 20, 2022. However, the assertion that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is false, as reported by [Maldita.es](https://maldita.es).