

Claim

Claim: "After Donald Trump won the US presidential election in 2024, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said that 'If Trump surrenders Ukraine to Putin, he will personally expel the United States from the alliance'."

Actions

`web_search("Mark Rutte Trump Ukraine NATO")`

Evidence

Evidence from `web_search`

NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte met with Donald Trump at the White House on July 14, 2025, to discuss support for Ukraine, as reported by [Source](#). ABC News published an article on August 10, 2025, discussing a summit between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin, including comments from Rutte regarding the war in Ukraine



Reuters reported on August 19, 2025, that Rutte stated NATO membership for Ukraine was not under discussion, but "Article 5" type security guarantees were being considered



[Source.](#)

Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Mark Rutte met with Donald Trump in July 2025 to discuss support for Ukraine. Additionally, there was a summit between Trump and Putin, with Rutte commenting on the war in Ukraine. However, the provided evidence does not contain any statement from Rutte about expelling the United States from NATO if Trump surrendered Ukraine to Putin.

Therefore, the claim cannot be verified based on the provided evidence.

Actions

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web_search("Mark Rutte Trump NATO expel US")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

Euronews published an article on November 20, 2024, stating that Mark Rutte did not threaten to expel the US from NATO, despite a social media claim alleging he made such a threat if Trump surrendered Ukraine to Putin ([image:0](#)). Detector Media reported that Russian sources spread disinformation claiming Rutte threatened to expel the US from NATO, but no authoritative publication reported such threats.

A doorstep interview with Mark Rutte discusses supporting Ukraine and NATO members meeting defense spending targets, but does not contain any statement about expelling the

United States from NATO if Trump surrendered Ukraine to Putin.

Elaboration

The evidence confirms that there were claims circulating on social media and in Russian sources alleging that Mark Rutte threatened to expel the US from NATO if Trump surrendered Ukraine to Putin. However, the evidence explicitly states that Rutte did not make such a threat. Therefore, the claim is false.

Final Judgement

The fact-check reveals that while there were claims and disinformation suggesting Mark Rutte threatened to expel the US from NATO if Trump surrendered Ukraine to Putin, there is no evidence to support this. The search results explicitly state that Rutte did not make such a threat.

The claim is demonstrably false as it is disproven by evidence from multiple and reliable sources. `false`

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is false. While there were reports of disinformation alleging Mark Rutte threatened to expel the US from NATO if Trump surrendered Ukraine to Putin, the evidence, including reports from [Euronews](#) and [Detector Media](#), indicates that Rutte did not make such a statement.