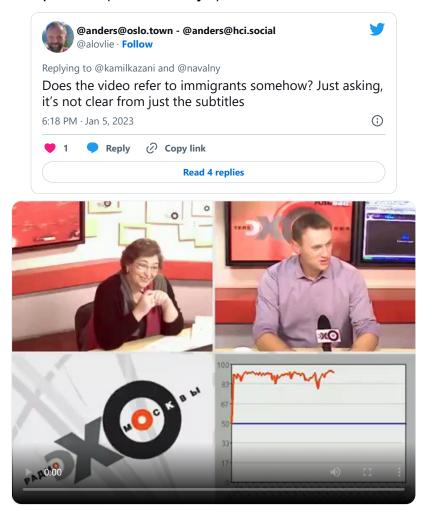


Great question. Let's open the original video. Notice how <u>@albats</u> formulated her question:

"I was told but I could not find this later in the Internet that you had called the Gastarbeiters cockroaches somewhere. Yes or no?"

Her description is (intentionally?) inaccurate



<u>@albats</u> First, <u>@navalny</u> did not technically "call" anyone cockroaches. When making an argument about "too big cockroaches" he illustrated it with a photo of Chechen rebels. This can and will be understood as a reference to generalised Muslims, but (technically) not to "Gastarbeiters"



Second, <u>@albats</u> framed it as an occasional verbal remark, almost accidental "called somewhere". But there was nothing accidental about it. Verbal narrative, visuals, a TV tune, everything was intentionally dehumanising



<u>@albats</u> not only framed the cockroaches as an occasional remark, she also (intentionally?) left <u>@navalny</u> an easy way out, by describing the video slightly inaccurately. Navalny did not technically say anything about Gastarbeiters in \*this\* video

<u>@navalny</u> could say "no, I never called Gastarbeiters cockroaches" and still be \*technically\* right. Why? Because of the way <u>@albats</u> formulated her question. She (intentionally?) left Navalny a way out. He could've denied an inaccurate accusation and technically be right. Did he?

Best thing <u>@navalny</u> could've done would be to narrow down to an inaccurate Gastarbeiters = cockroaches description by <u>@albats</u> and just deny it. She left him a loophole to save his face. He didn't use it. He attacked his critic comparing him with Putin's propagandists instead



Best thing <u>@navalny</u> could've down is to stick to original incorrect description and deny it. That would not technically make him a liar. Instead he starts passionately denying ever using this metaphor at all. He chooses to lie



@albats seems to be taken aback:

"Or may be someone [saw] something like this. So you are sure that in no video clip, nowhere..."

Notice she is narrowing down her original question, talking about a "video clip", which <a>@navalny</a> had produced very few by then

## I think she saw it



<u>@albats @navalny @navalny</u> respond with another ad hominem attack against a critic who pointed out to a verifiable fact. <u>@albats</u> left him a loophole to deny it, while saving his face - the inaccurate description. But Navalny resorts to lies and ad hominem slander



Why is this video is even important? Well, because it illustrates a typical reaction of <a href="mailto:@navalny">@navalny</a> and his followers to \*any\* sort of criticism. And pointing out to their past words & actions counts as criticism:

- 1. Ad hominem attack against a critic
- 2. Make up some lie about him

Honestly, I cannot comprehend why <u>@navalny @leonidvolkov</u> etc. propagate so many \*factual\* lies. Navalny's Chief of Staff could attack me with some opinion statement ("He's a liar!"). Smarter people do. But he makes a verifiable statement - that I'm paid by Tatarstan President



Let me be clear: I see nothing wrong with working for Tatarstan. I just cannot comprehend why <u>@leonidvolkov</u> is randomly making up verifiable factual statements requiring the burden of proof?

My answer: Because these fellows have never been called out



That is almost amusing. I understand these "oppositionaries" strategy: when facing criticism, always respond with ad hominem against the critic. I'm ok with that. But why are you making \*factual\* verifiably false statements, I can't get this?

## That's just childish



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