



Kamil Galeev @kamilkazani

Jan 6 · 13 tweets · [kamilkazani/status/1611416729879461891](https://twitter.com/kamilkazani/status/1611416729879461891)

Great question. Let's open the original video. Notice how [@albats](#) 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



[@albats](#) First, [@navalny](#) 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, [@albats](#) 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



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

[@navalny](#) could say "no, I never called Gastarbeiters cockroaches" and still be *technically* right. Why? Because of the way [@albats](#) 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 [@navalny](#) could've done would be to narrow down to an inaccurate Gastarbeiters = cockroaches description by [@albats](#) 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 [@navalny](#) 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 [@navalny](#) had produced very few by then

I think she saw it



[@albats](#) [@navalny](#) [@navalny](#) respond with another ad hominem attack against a critic who pointed out to a verifiable fact. [@albats](#) 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 [@navalny](#) 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 [@navalny](#) [@leonidvolkov](#) 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

Leonid Volkov @leonidvolkov · Jan 1

Replying to [@Fyodorrrr](#)

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Let me be clear: I see nothing wrong with working for Tatarstan. I just cannot comprehend why [@leonidvolkov](#) is randomly making up verifiable factual statements requiring the burden of proof?

My answer: Because these fellows have never been called out



The image shows a screenshot of two tweets from Leonid Volkov (@leonidvolkov) on January 1, 2023. The top tweet is a reply to @Fyodorrrr and contains a Russian statement about Kamill Galeev explaining that the user's tweet is full of imperialist ethnonationalism. It has 15.5K views, 4 replies, 4 retweets, and 259 likes. Below this tweet is a notification that says, "You're unable to view this Tweet because this account owner limits who can view their Tweets. [Learn more](#)". The bottom tweet is a reply to @brightdown and @Fyodorrrr, containing a Russian insult about Minnikhanov's payroll and a Google Translate notice. It has 657 views, 2 retweets, and 28 likes.

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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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