

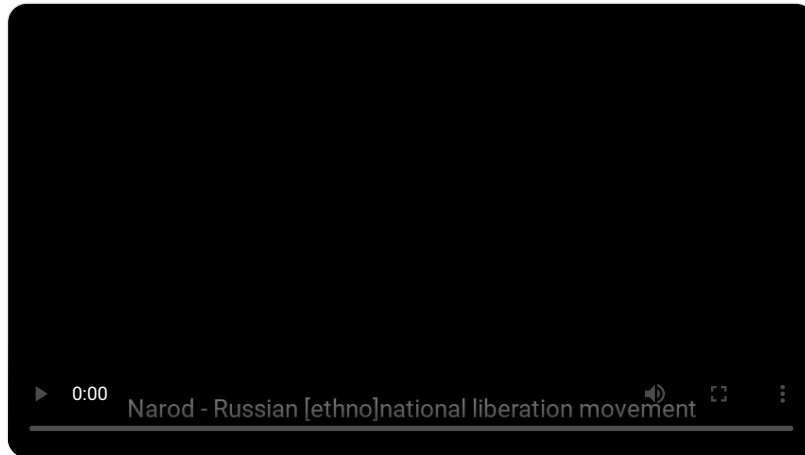


[@navalny](#) started his independent political career in 2007, co-founding an ethnonationalist "Narod" movement and launching the Radio of the Thousand Hills style propaganda.

Remember this video, we'll need it later to judge integrity of:

a) [@navalny](#)

b) journalists whitewashing him



For context:

The 2000s were an era of the mass nationalist violence in Russia. The golden age of "White trains" with nationalist gangs entering the public transport and attacking those who didn't look sufficiently white. The far right wave was real and [@navalny](#) aimed to ride it



This 2011 video illustrates how [@navalny](#) resorts to lies and smear, when facing the (factually correct) criticism. Remember the cockroaches video? He:

- 1) denies its existence
- 2) compares a prof who called him out with Putin's propagandists
- 3) jokingly demands him being demoted



Notice that a prof did not express any opinion at all. He just pointed out to a verifiable fact - the cockroach video produced by [@navalny](#). Still, Navalny refuses to take any responsibility. He lies, denying a verifiable fact. After that he resorts to smear against his critic



Let's zoom in [@albats](#)-[@navalny](#) dialogue:

A: [I was told] you called the Gastarbeiters cockroaches in the Internet. Yes or no? (laughs)

N: First, no. Second, if this question was asked by Kurginyan or Soloviev or one of their kind... It's a question of the same nature. Nonsense



A: So you are sure that in no video clip, nowhere...

N: If professors are using such sources of information, we'll demote them from tenure

A: You can't do that. In the US tenure is a lifetime job

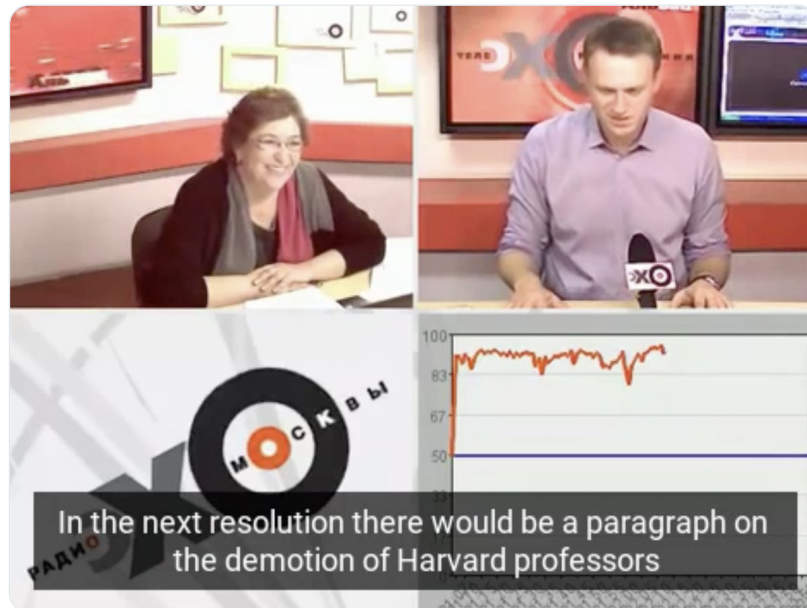
N: With our mass actions we can do anything

That's a joke ofc. But a telling one



[@navalny](#)'s logic:

1. Someone points out to a verifiable fact. In this case, Navalny's own video
2. He must be a Putinist propagandist like Kurginyan/Soloviev. Otherwise, why would he be doing that?
3. Demote him via mass action (joke ofc, [@navalny](#) knows he can't do anything)



This is a major counterargument against the "reformed [@navalny](#)" narrative. Yes, a man can change. But that requires integrity and willingness to assume responsibility for your actions. How probable it is that a persistent and passionate liar could change for the better?



[@navalny](#) enjoyed thorough whitewashing by the reputable Moscow & Western media. Consider this "good and balanced" article published in the New Yorker & recommended by [@christogrozev](#)

[@mashagessen](#) describes the cockroach video as an "argument for gun rights"

### Systemic whitewashing

 **Christo Grozev** [@christogrozev](#)

Replying to [@StefanHoutzager](#) and [@THR](#)

I had similar views to Galeev's before I scratched the surface. If you don't have to see the film, this is a good and balanced dive into his politics:




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**The Evolution of Alexey Navalny's Nationalism**  
The Russian opposition politician has placed the right to self-determination at the center of his politics.

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- Ok. Perhaps [@navalny](#) published some unfortunate videos spreading ethnic hatred and closely bordering the incitement to violence. But wasn't that incidental?

- Not quite. Review of [@navalny](#)'s publications including those in his personal blog suggests it's a consistent worldview



In 2007 @navalny was kicked out of a liberal Yabloko party for his nationalist activities. His own blogpost comments may provide some context for this decision:

"Judging from your surname you are a Ukrainian. You have no place in YABLOKO"

Source:




**Либералы**

Баннер в качестве саморекламы разместила партия


<https://navalny.livejournal.com/43277.html?thread=366861#366861>

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 **zyava**  
October 2 2006, 15:00:21 UTC

я скажу, что я состою не в той партии яблоко, которая за россию для русских. и завтра я это скажу абросимову.


REPLY ♥ LIKE I have no part in that Yabloko party that stands for the Russia for [ethnic] Russians. I will tell this to Abrosimov tomorrow

 **navalny**  
October 2 2006, 15:16:23 UTC

ну так судя по Вашей фамилии, Вы украинка. Вам не место в ЯБЛОКЕ

But judging from your surname, you are Ukrainian. You have no place in YABLOKO

REPLY ♥ LIKE

 **zyava**  
October 2 2006, 15:17:41 UTC

Вы поразительно пронциательны. это будет одним их завтрашних аргументов. только, боюсь, меня не послушают...

REPLY ♥ LIKE You are amazingly sharp. This will be one of my arguments tomorrow. Still, I fear they won't listen to me...

POST A NEW COMMENT 7 comments



More of [@navalny](#)'s self-portrait. There are many more, too numerous to post here. If you are interested, you can check his livejournal

Source:



### Про Тесака

1. Действительно уголовное дело возбудили по жалобе, которую направило в прокуратуру движение

<https://navalny.livejournal.com/142157.html?thread=&page=5>



[navalny](#)

July 9 2007, 08:29:56 UTC

я забыл Вас предупредить.

Пидары, к которы вы несомненно относитесь, в этом жж банятся

REPLY LIKE

I forgot to warn you

Faggots whom you certainly belong to, are being blocked here

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Re: Ты пидор и стукач.

[navalny](#)

July 9 2007, 08:34:38 UTC

Вы знаете, я не привык прислушиваться к голосу из под нар

Пидор забанен

REPLY LIKE

You see, I haven't used to listening to the voices from under the prison bed. A faggot is blocked

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[navalny](#)

July 9 2007, 08:39:14 UTC

Повторяю: пидоры в этом жж банятся

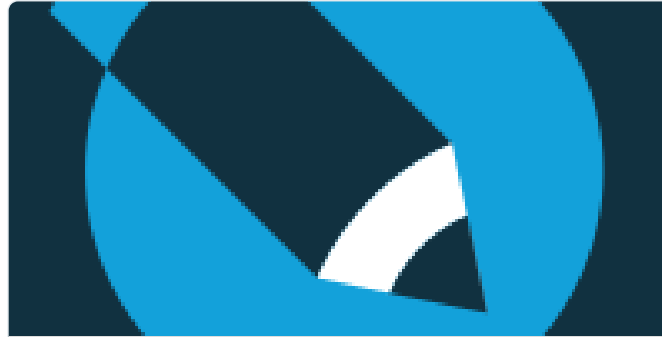
REPLY LIKE

I repeat, faggots are being blocked in this journal

During the Russian-Georgian war of 2008, [@navalny](#) called for deporting all Georgian citizens from Russia. He regretted Russia could not just "launch a cruise missile on the rodents' HQ"

["Rodents" (грызуны) sound similar to "Georgians" (грузины)]


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Утром потратил целый час на то, что полностью посмотрел прямую трансляцию с Совбеза ООН. Смотреть было неприятно - Россию просто водили мордой об стол. Единственные, кто сказал хотя бы ритуальные сло...

<https://navalny.livejournal.com/274456.html>

 **Навальны (@navalny) wrote,**  
2008-08-17 08:00

**@kamikazani** commentary to Navalny's post. In Russian the word "rodent" (грызуны) sounds somewhat similar to the word "Georgian" (грузины). That is why Navalny is using this word as an anti-Georgian slur

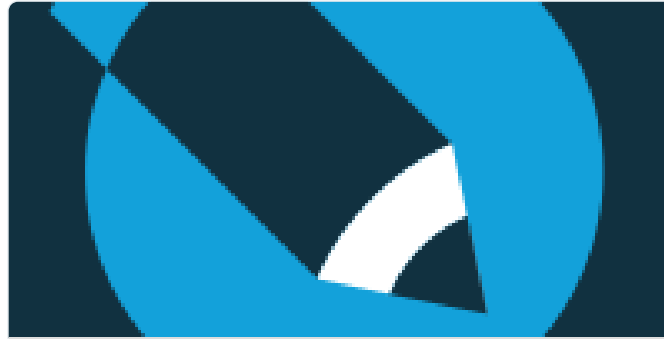
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В дальнейшем действовать по ситуации, но при этом отдавать себе отчёт в том, что конечно запустить ракету ракетой по генштабу грузин. After that we should act according to the situation. Still we should очень хочется, но грузины только этого и ждут. keep in mind that even though we want very much to launch a cruise missile upon the rodents' HQ, the rodents are waiting for it.

Кстати, сейчас в одном из подвалов Цхинвали укрывается от обстрела Маша Романова [@m\\_tomashoff](#). Он всю ночь передавал Яшину сообщения типа: по городу бегут из глубины, установок град и минометов, людей раскидывают по подвалам и бомбоубежищам, десятки раненых. Давайте все вместе выстоим Машину и всем гражданам РФ (особенно нашим военным), находящимся в ЮО, лучи сопричастности, безопасности и скорейшего возвращения домой.

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### Акция в поддержку Грузии

Прекрасное было только что на

<https://navalny.livejournal.com/280013.html>



Навальный (navalny) wrote,  
2008-08-18 19:00:00

"Many cities around the world now have actions in support of Georgia. The unknowns threw stones at the Russian General Consulate in Edinburgh"

I wonder, if I come out to the street, find some Georgian and hit him into the forehead, would it count as an action in support of Russia?"



Category: Путешествия

### Акция в поддержку Грузии

Прекрасное было только что на "Эхе" в большой информационной программе.

"Во многих городах мира проходят сегодня акции в поддержку Грузии: Неизвестные сегодня забросали камнями здание генконсульства России в Эдинбурге..."

Интересно, если я сейчас пойду на улицу, найду какого-то грузина и дам ему в лоб, это будет считаться акцией в поддержку России?"



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[@navalny](#)'s geopolitics. That's how he justified aggression against Georgia. Interestingly enough, Navalny's anti-Georgian rhetorics is surprisingly similar to Putin's anti-Ukrainian one. In particular, he described Saakashvili as "Hitler"/"Georgiahitler"



#### Дайте Грузии шанс!

Послушайте, ну не такая она и плохая эта Грузия. Не самая ведь ужасная страна на свете. Ну да, есть отвратный Саакашвили, но в целом грузины достаточно неплохо смотрятся на фоне остального Кавказа и ...

<https://navalny.livejournal.com/277835.html>

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И с грузинами будет то же самое.  
Нельзя построить маленькую империю. В современном мире это не работает.  
Если маленькая нация любит играть в большую политику - она должна стать сателлитом большой нации. Или стать врагом большой нации.  
Но можно не играть, а просто жить.

Кроме России, никто не поможет Грузии.  
Только мы дадим им шанс на нормальную жизнь.

You can't build a small empire. That doesn't work in the modern world. If a small nation likes playing into the big politics, it should become a large nation's satellite. Or a large nation's enemy

[@navalny](#) never disowned his old agenda. In this 2013 Facebook post he apologised for using an ethnic slur against Georgians, but confirmed that everything else he wrote back then is still on the table. His position didn't change

#### Source

<https://www.facebook.com/navalny/posts/627702410582179>

З. "Действительно ли Вы называли грузинов «грызунами» или это выражение вам приписано?"

И вновь «написано в интернете». Вот же этот пост о начале войны с Грузией, его можно почитать. <http://navalny.livejournal.com/274456.html>

Много раз спрашивали об этом, ещё раз отвечаю.

Да, назвал грузинов «грызунами» в посте о войне, о чем сожалею. Это некрасиво, и, на самом деле, нивелировало весь пост.

Под всем остальным написанным тогда подписываюсь.

- Did you actually call the Georgians "rodents" or is this expression misattributed?

- ... I was asked many times, I'll repeat again. Yes, I called Georgians "the rodents" in a war related post and regret about it. It has degraded the entire post

I still sign under everything else I wrote back then

No other politician personified Russian hopes for the better future. Whose hopes you may ask? Well, hopes of the:

- 1) Moscow media establishment
- 2) Russian ultranationalists

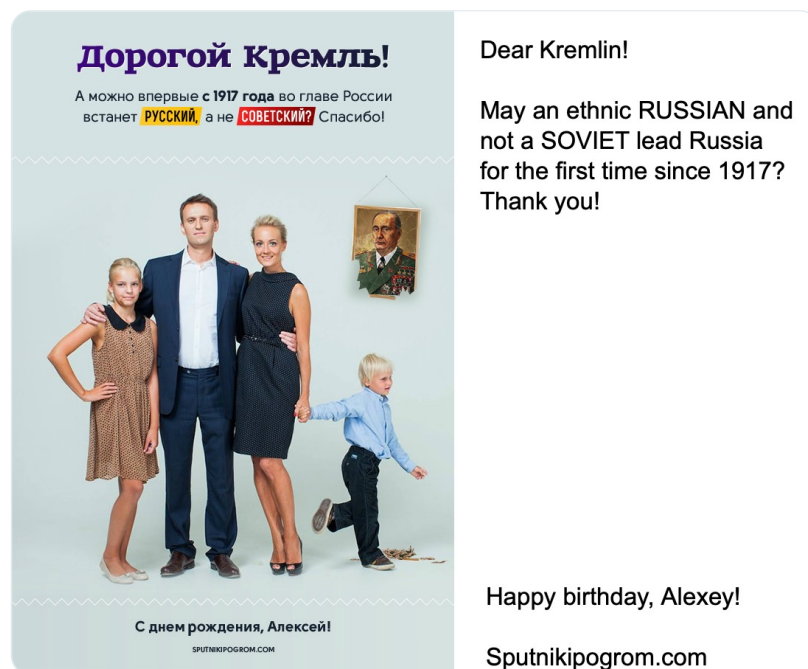
Consider the Sputnik and Pogrom, the most popular Russian far right platform of the recent decades



You never heard about Sputnik and Pogrom? The most influential Russian ultranationalist media? Well, that's understandable. Russian internal discourse is systematically misrepresented by the media and academia. If you don't speak and read in Russian, you're probably being lied to



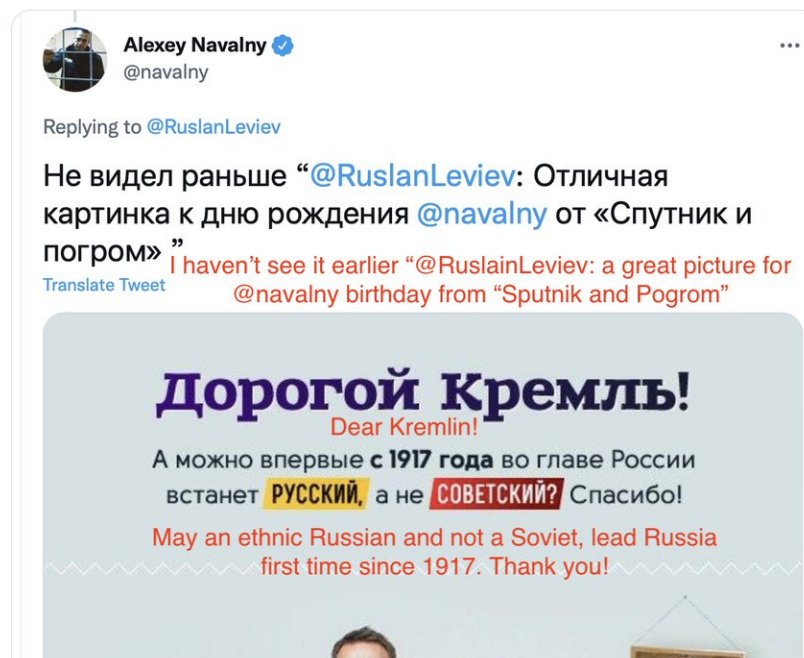
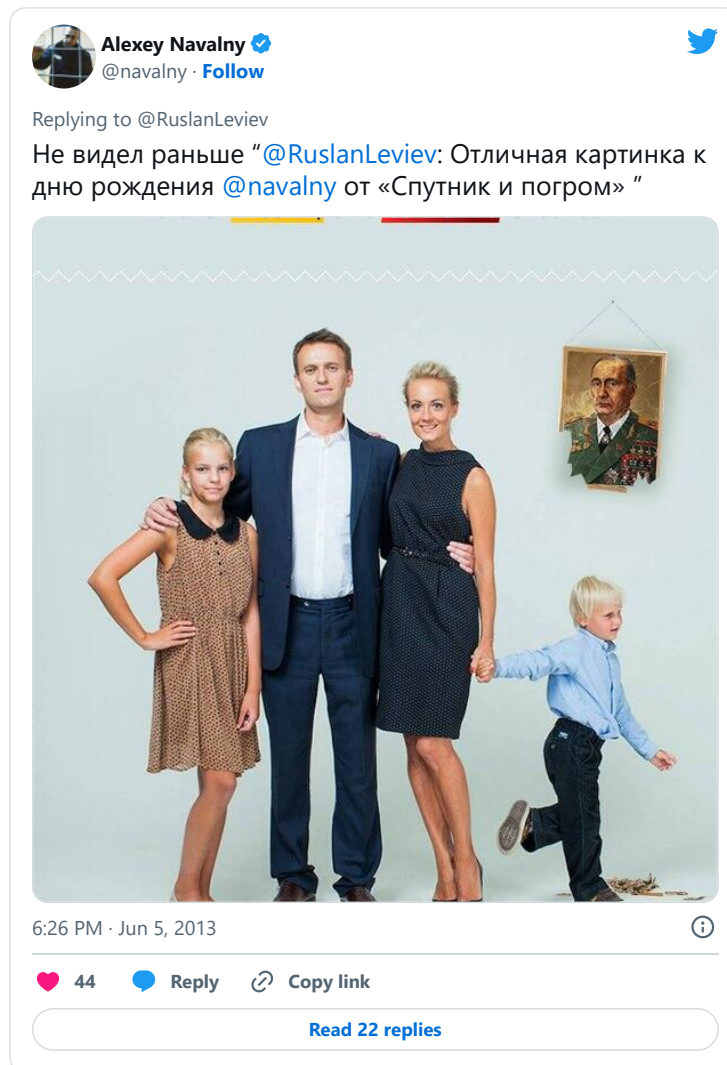
Sputnik and Pogrom had a mixed attitude towards @navalny. They criticised him when seeing him as unprincipled & opportunistic. At the same time, they repeatedly endorsed him as their only hope for the positive change. They did not see any alternative, much like the Western media



And @navalny endorsed their endorsements. See his retweet of a Sputnik and Pogrom birthday greetings from the 2013

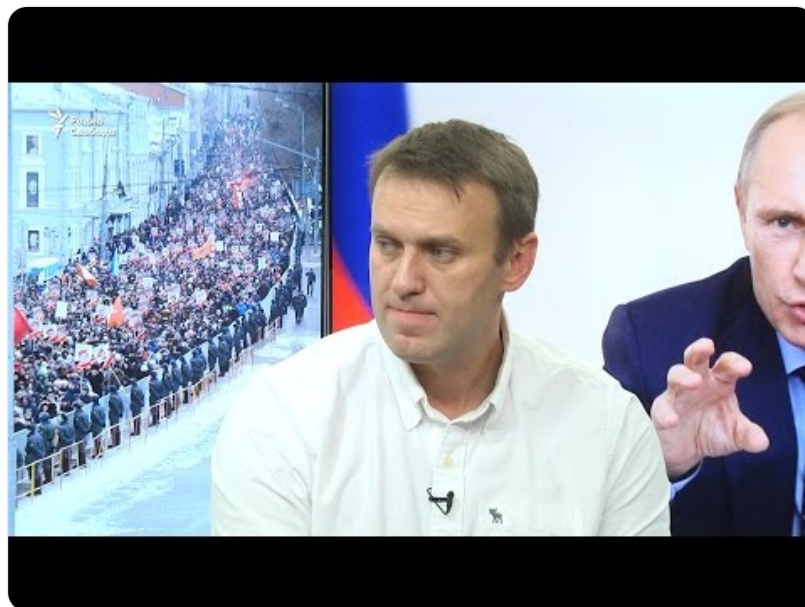
If there's a moment when Navalny disowned his old platform, I am failing to see it

Source: Navalny's own Twitter

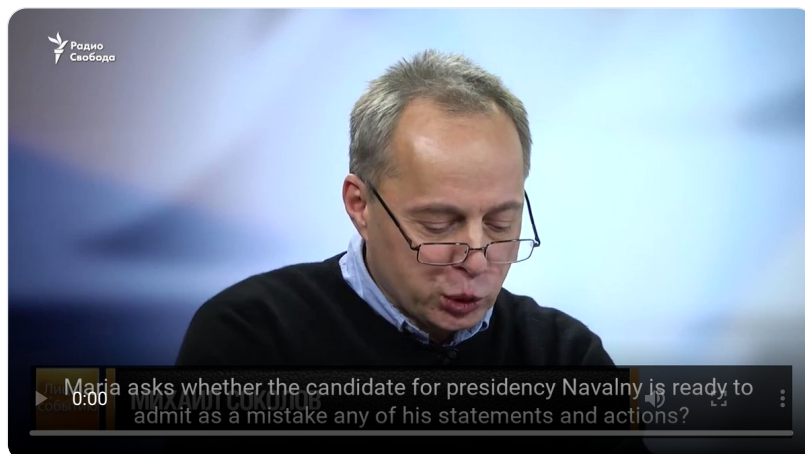




2016. When asked about "rodents", [@Navalny](#) tried to switch to the theme of corruption. Only when pressured again, he apologised for his "non-politically correct" anti-Georgian slur. Still, he claimed that his overall position "has not changed" since then



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/DUJHwtvyWJg>





2017. When preparing for debates with Strelkov, [@navalny](#) listed the most serious Russian problems in his view. That looks exactly like his old platform minus trash talk. This is his old agenda, just in a more "respectable" form, without ethnic slurs and incitement for violence



Let's sum up:

1. [@Navalny](#)'s remarks are not incidental. They reflect consistent ultranationalist vision
2. There's no sign of him being "reformed". While occasionally apologising for slurs, he claims his views haven't changed
3. He stopped trashtalking, that's how he changed
4. As there's no evidence of being "reformed", there's no indication he can be "reformed" in the future. Change is possible, but that requires integrity and readiness to assume responsibility for one's actions. What I see is a passionate denial of verifiable facts
5. "Reformed Navalny" narrative is constructed by first Moscow and then Western media establishment who have been whitewashing him since day one. How come? Well, the latter draw their opinions about Russian from the former. That's their main if not only source of "facts"
6. In their quest to whitewash [@navalny](#) Moscow and then Western media had to distort facts on a massive scale. They failed to call him out on his verifiable lies like [@albats](#). They misrepresented the navalnist propaganda to present it in more favourable view like [@mashagessen](#)
7. Extremely biased and distorting presentation of [@navalny](#) by the Western media should not surprise us. They generally form their opinions based on "facts" selected and interpretations provided by the Moscow cultural establishment. I liked the "perspective laundering" formula

FAQ

Q: [@Navalny](#) may be shitty for the Russian minorities. But he would respect international borders. That's enough

A: He has repeatedly confirmed that his perspective on the Russian invasion of Georgia in 2008 and creation of pro-Russian puppet states there has NOT changed

Q: The videos and livejournal posts are from the late 2000s. A lot of time has passed since then

A: He has repeatedly confirmed that his views have NOT changed. He never disowned his old views or platform. He stopped trashtalking and using the ethnic slurs. But that's it

Q: Can't a person change over the time?

A: Change is possible. But that requires integrity and readiness to assume the responsibility. I don't see anything that could indicate [@navalny](#) has these qualities. Denial doesn't suffice

[@navalny](#) Q: Ok, but at least he'll be a democrat, unlike Putin

A: His reaction when facing a 100% factually correct criticism is very showing. He denies it, smears a critic accusing him of acting as a propagandist and calls for demoting him. That's how he behaves \*before\* taking power

Q: I don't see any other solution

A: If you see a "solution" in handing the absolute power to an unrepented ultranationalist and imperialist, liar and slanderer, you must revise your set of assumptions. You probably borrowed your assumptions from the Moscow cultural establishment

Q: We must stop this war right now. [@navalny](#) will do it

A: Russia has lost this round of the war. Any, almost any Putin's successor would end hostilities [for now]. Putin would love to do it too, he just can't. Objectively speaking, Russia needs a truce to restock & regroup

Q: What about the anti-corruption fight?

A: You'll be surprised to learn how Putin started his Kremlin career and then consolidated power over Russia. Beware of "anticorruption fighters"

The end of 🍷

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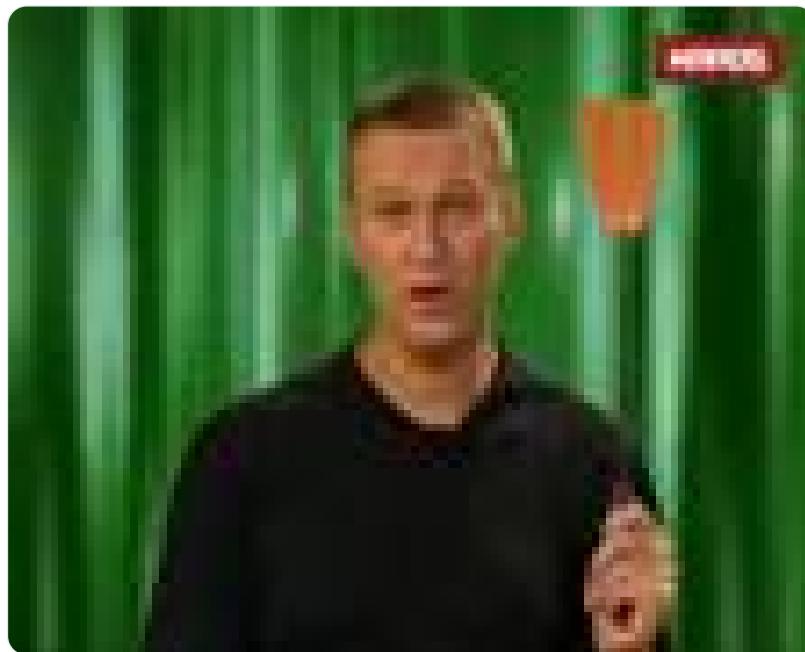
1. "Navalny the Dentist" video. Yes, these are the excerpts from the Happy Tree Friends



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/ICoc2VmGdfw>

2. The "cockroaches" video

Pretty much everyone in Russia will recognise the tune. It's from a super popular "In the world of the animals" TV Program. Provides some context for [@navalny's](#) "for guns rights argument" (according to the [@NewYorker](#) article)



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/oVNJiO10SWw>

3. A "good and balanced" [@mashagessen's](#) article, recommended by [@christogrozev](#). A great example of "a suspicious law design" in russian. Description of the Messianic cultural

example of perspective laundering in my view. Perspective of the Moscow cultural establishment forms the mainstream Western narrative



**The Evolution of Alexey Navalny's Nationalism**

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4. A 2011 interview with [@navalny](#)

52:57 When facing a factually correct criticism (his own video), Navalny resorts to lies and smear, denying an easily verifiable fact. You can see how the host [@albats](#) fails (or chooses not to) call him out



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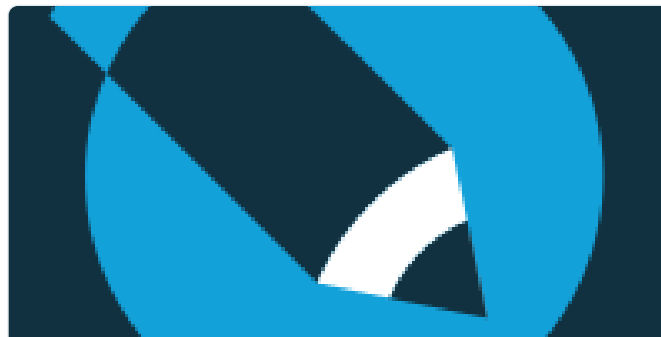
## 5. 2016 interview

After being pressured twice, [@navalny](#) apologised for the "rodents" remark, but claimed that his position on the Russian-Georgian war hasn't changed. He tried to avoid this topic, switching to "corruption", but the host did not allow him



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/DUJHwtvYWlg>

6. And of course [@navalny](#)'s own blog. That's an endless discussion as there's too much to cover in this thread. If you are really interested, you can start reading here for example



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<https://navalny.livejournal.com/282477.html>

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