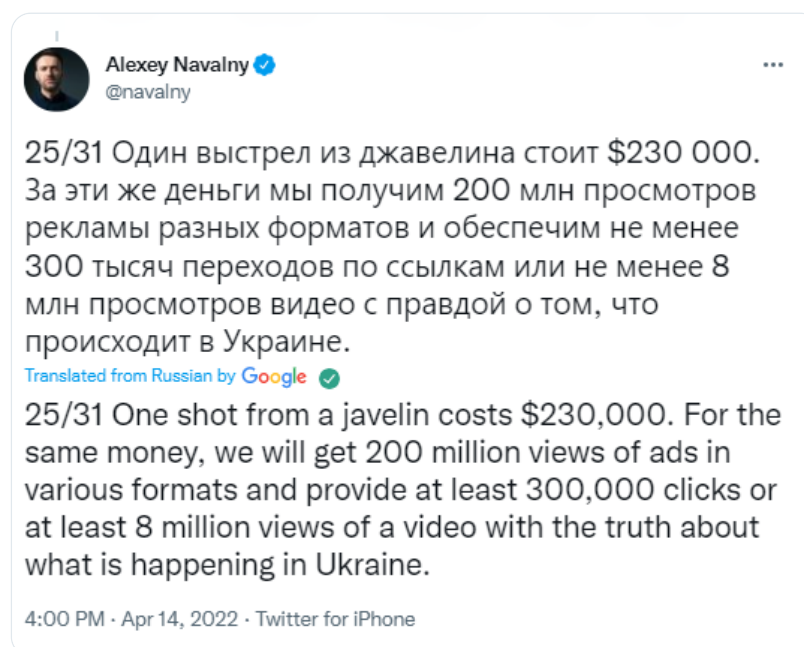




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A 🧵 thread on [#Navalny](#) so that hopefully it is clearer to Westerners why Ukrainians are sceptical of him (and no, Ukrainians aren't fools who need stuff explained to them !NEWSFLASH! our opinion kinda matters). As a teaser: twit by the man himself criticizing arms support for 🇺🇦



Peculiarly, despite criticizing [#putin](#), [#Navalny](#) somehow supports [#Kremlin](#)'s strategies, first, most obvious, his stance on the matter with [#Russian](#) annexation of [#Crimea](#) (our "[#Sudetenland](#)" if you will) is pretty clear - he supports it!

Navalny, who has been criticized by some members of the liberal opposition for being nationalist, is vocal in his calls for the introduction of visa requirements for migrant workers from former Soviet states such as Uzbekistan.

The opposition activist, who is under house arrest as part of a criminal investigation, said in the first part of the interview from his home, broadcast Wednesday night, that Crimea — which Russia annexed from Ukraine in March — "will remain part of Russia and will never again in the foreseeable future become part of Ukraine."

Asked by Ekho Moskvyy host and editor-in-chief Alexei Venediktov to share his views on the popular slogan among Russian supporters of the annexation — "Crimea is ours" — Navalny initially appeared to evade the question, saying that "Crimea belongs to the people who live in Crimea." When pressed for a direct answer, he added that "Crimea, of course, now de facto belongs to Russia."

"I think that despite the fact that Crimea was seized with egregious violations of all international regulations, the reality is that Crimea is now part of Russia," he said. "Let's not deceive ourselves. And I would also strongly advise Ukrainians not to deceive themselves."

Navalny said he would not return Crimea to Ukraine if he were to become the president of Russia.

"Is Crimea some sort of sausage sandwich to be passed back and forth? I don't think so," he said.

One thing on Crimea annexation he's not happy with - he would like to legalize it internationally (and indeed he'd a handy figure to do so, after toxic [#putin](#) is done). Although, he isn't really as liberal as Russian propaganda paints him (hm.. why would they do it, huh?)

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Is Aleksei Navalny a Liberal or a Nationalist?

While his positions are broadly endorsed by Russia's opposition, some have voiced alarm about past ethnically charged statements.

By Robert Coalson

JULY 29, 2013

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[#Crimea](#) annexation is not even the first [#Russian](#) aggression [#Navalny](#) supports (despite being labelled as "opposition") he supported [#Russian](#) aggression against [#Georgia](#) in 2008 (which was a prototype later replicated in [#Ukraine](#) at larger scale). Note the usage of ethnic slurs

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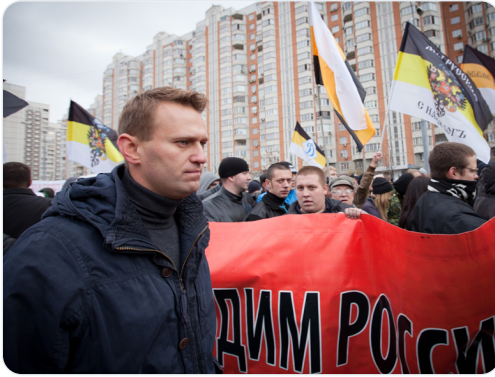
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Georgians still painfully remember his statement made in 2008, in which he named the whole nation as a rodent, and demanded the bombardment of the territory of Georgia with cruise missiles. Even Georgians who do not know Russian are well aware that the words "Georgians" (грузины) and "rodents" (грызуны) are alliterative in Russian. The merit of Alexei Navalny in this is huge. Although other Russians used the same words, we remember most painfully this chauvinistic statement made by him at a most difficult time.

[#Navalny](#) is actually a [#Russian](#) nationalist, as much of a chauvinist as majority of [#Russians](#) and previously rather vocal about his hatred towards migrants, his participation in [#Russian](#) marches is not a situational alliance, rather its his origins and essence.



Navalny soon found a new ideological niche. In the late 2000s, he declared himself a nationalist. He participated in the far-right Russian Marches, waged war on "illegal immigration," and even launched campaign "Stop Feeding the Caucasus" directed against government subsidies to poor, ethnic minority-populated autonomous regions in the south of the country. It was a time when right-wing sentiments were widespread, and urban youth sympathized with ultra-right groups almost en masse. It seemed to Navalny that this wind would fill his sails — and partly, it worked.

But Navalny did not get lost among the petty nationalist "fishers." He found a special niche that made him a hero far beyond the boundaries of the right-wing radical subculture. He became the country's main fighter against corruption. He would buy small amounts of shares in large state-owned companies and thus get access to their documents. On this basis, he conducted and published high-profile investigations. Many of them were brilliant journalistic work — though some critics suspected that Navalny was simply involved in the "media wars" among rival financial-industrial groups, receiving "orders" from them and information that compromised their competitors.

Navalny has never hid his sympathies for the Russian nationalist movement — only a few weeks ago he co-authored a statement on ethnic violence in Pugachev [ru] with prominent nationalist opposition leaders. Muzhdabaev's questions, however, were much more personal. In particular, he addressed allegedly racist episodes in Navalny's biography — one in which he reportedly called a female Azerbaijani co-worker a "darkie" ("chernozhopsia," literally "black-assed"), and another in which he referred to Georgians as "rodents" (a play on words: *Gruziny* (Georgians) and *gryzuny* (rodents)) during the 2008 Russo-Georgian War.

Navalny's answer wasn't gracious. He started by tweeting [ru]:



“ My staff demands that I answer some kind of disgusting open letter. I hate stuff like that. Total waste of time. It sickens me

In case if you don't know, in [#Russia](#) (and I suspect i whole world really) the organized marginal extremists, chauvinist movements are all curated by special services. They are allowed to exist because they can be sued. Practice in Russia since 19th century at least(e.g. "esers")

If you look at [#Navalny](#)'s role in anti-putin's protests of the past, much in line with his inherent support of [#Kremlin](#)'s strategy, he acted rather as a provocateur inciting split in the opposition.

Alleged turn for "liberalism" was also rather his FSB curators repurposing him

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In any case, the liberal narrative that corruption is the cause of the ineffectiveness of the state brought Navalny the sympathy of the mass of the middle class. Corporations' top management and businessmen saw corruption as a major obstacle to their own success. Many subscribed to Navalny's blog and increasingly sent him monetary donations.

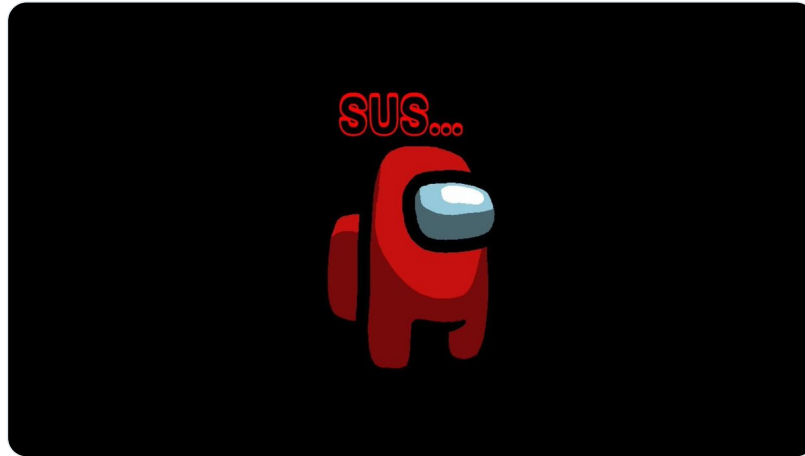
In 2011-13, Russia was swept by a mass movement of protest against the rigging of parliamentary elections and growing authoritarianism, symbolized by Putin's return to the presidency. Navalny took part in this — but failed to lead it. He got support mostly from middle-class people in the capital and the largest cities. But the working class, and the poor majority in general, did not trust him. They remained indifferent to his anti-corruption agenda, seeing corruption as only one of the techniques for enriching the elite and not the foundation of class inequality.

Indeed, it turned out that left-wing values still have some influence in Russia. In those protests, thousands of people demonstrated under the red flags, and the leader of the Left Front, Sergei Udaltsov, became one of Russia's most popular politicians. Navalny's closest aide, Leonid Volkov, said in an interview that it was necessary to convince the Russian elite that an opposition victory would be better for them than a corrupt Putin government. But to do this, it was necessary to get rid of left-wing allies, who scared off big business.

So Navalny split the oppositional coalition and when leftist leaders were thrown in jail, he declined to intercede on their behalf.

[#Navalny](#)'s repurposing was needed for 3 reasons which I will cover in the end. For now let's recall that the recent post at the top of the thread is not the first case when he, much in line with [#Kremlin](#) strategy, again, opposes military aid to [#Ukraine](#) https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/dont-send-weapons-to-ukraine-top-russian-kremlin-critic-says/2015/03/17/9c3ca224-cbea-11e4-8730-4f473416e759_story.html

So chauvinist [#Navalny](#) supports [#Russian](#) aggression in [#Georgia](#) & [#Crimea](#), splits anti-putin's opposition from inside in 2011-13 to replace it with his own cult of personality - mini-[#putin](#) who's labeled "anti-putin" demands [#US](#) to fund his propaganda instead of helping [#Ukraine](#)



Btw, sidenote I forgot to include before on [#Russian](#) security service working with nationalists, monarchists and other marginal extremists - so called [#Strelkov](#), [#grikin](#) (responsible for downing [#MH17](#)) was himself recruited to [#FSB](#) from a monarchist movement in 90s. [#Navalny](#) tho?

Now, what I write makes [#Navalny](#) appear as [#kremlin](#)'s agent whose actions actually support [#Russian](#) policy of dissection and isolation of [#Ukraine](#). Surely he did something to become "liberal icon" of opposition, right? Well, he published breaking NEWS: PUTIN IS A THIEF. WOW.

[#Navalny](#) may seem important if you're a westerner, after all news of YOUR govt being thieves would be a big thing... not so much in [#Russia](#). And not that they don't know [#putin](#)'s mafia, they do. They see that he steals from them even without investigations. They're just okay w/ it

So, when talking about [#Navalny](#) we should care for what he actually achieved in practice - and that is just a replacement of all potential opposition to [#putin](#) with [#Navalny](#)'s cult, which is really a mini-[#putin](#) presented as anti-putin, yet supporting all the [#kremlin](#)'s strategy

[#Navalny](#) is used by [#kremlin](#) for 3 main purposes:

- Scare "small Russians" into rallying behind [#putin](#)
- Replace the opposition, let the steam out in a way that poses no real threat to the regime
- When putin's gone - put him in power and use his façade to get sanctions lifter



Navalny is used by Kremlin for 3 main purposes:

1. To scare the «small Russian» as long as p*tin is in power - Navalny's (fake) liberalism is painted as the only alternative to p*tin's fascism, apolitical Russians are led to believe Navalny's victory will mean destruction of Russia;

2. Replace the possible Russian opposition with Navalny's cult, focus «unloyal» Russians on activities which are harmless to p*tin - let the steam out without threat for the regime, as long as p*tin is power;

3. When p*tin's gone, a group of Russian oligarchs will attempt to release Navalny and will likely place this mini-p*tin in charge as a convenient non-toxic figure that, as they hope, would help to get the sanctions lifted via faking a change in Russian's course.

It's important to understand that [#Russia](#) is a [#fascist](#) mafia state and it has no political life. There is no opposition, just different cogs of the fascist regime, each with own purpose.

[#Navalny](#) is no more an opposition that "alleged" parliament opposition like [#Zhyrinovsky](#) was

Why is it important? Those western leaders who suffer from sanctions would rather prefer to keep doing business with [#Russia](#) and use agent [#Navalny](#) as a justification to sabotage the aid for [#Ukraine](#), aid necessary for our survival in genocide perpetrated by [#Navalny's](#) motherland

And really, agent [#Navalny](#), as always supporting [#Kremlin's](#) strategies, himself calls west to spend resources in vain on his ad campaigns (for fascist state full of [#Russian](#) chauvinists 🧠) instead of aiding [#Ukraine's](#) defenses. But a single Javelin does more than 100 [#Navalny's](#)

It's not even comparing apples to oranges. [#Navalny](#) activity while allegedly "anti-putin" in the essence consistently supports [#kremlin](#) strategy, he didn't achieve anything aside of strengthening [#Russian](#) [#fascism](#), didnt even burn a cop car yet speaks derogatory of Javelin
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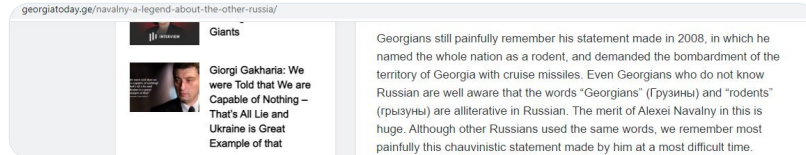
TL;DR: In practice [#Navalny](#) achieved nothing against [#putin](#), but did a lot of to support the [#fascist](#) regime in [#Russia](#), does and speaks a lot in support of [#kremlin's](#) strategy - supports [#Russian](#) aggressions, dissection of [#Ukraine](#), speaks for isolation of [#Ukraine](#) (not RUSSIA!)

*secret services/

*can be used

PS: tbh I wouldn't be surprised if the idea of his arrest coincided with the preparations for the "special military operation" and he's being purposefully kept aside by the "western-aligned" group of p*tin's clan for future. But that's kinda complicated theory, we'll live and see

PPS: just note another thing, in 2008 [#Navalny](#) CALLED [#Russia](#) government to do to [#Georgia](#) THE VERY SAME [#Russia](#)'s doing to [#Ukraine](#) today. Now, is Navalny's "race theory" telling that Ukrainians are somehow better than Georgians, or he simply lies about not supporting the war?



Regardless, I'm simply disgusted with him, the hypocrisy. [#navalny](#) is even worse than [#girkin](#), both are chauvinists, yet girkin at least doesn't hide his insane ideas nor denies [#Ukraine](#) right to get aid from the west, while navalny lies & works to sabotage the aid

And much like focusing Russian opposition on futile actions that are harmless to the regime [#Navalny](#) demands funding for his own propaganda, that doesn't achieve anything at all.

Update: more of [#Navalny](#)'s chauvinism, his team complaining that missile strikes against [#Ukraine](#) are too costly (wow, but didn't mini-p*tin leader of his call for missile strike against [#Georiga](#) in 2008? 🤔)



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Navalny's top employee criticizes Russian missile strike on Ukraine because... it is ineffective and costly. Not because it has killed civilians and is a part of a genocidal war. This is the core of Navalny's logic: his is in favor of imperial wars as long as they are „effective“.

Я не понимаю. Объясните пожалуйста. Стоимость одного "калибра" 6,5 млн \$. Они его запускают за тысячу километров чтобы расфигачить шинмонтаж во Львове? Какая тут логика? Они совсем дебилы?

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And more of [#Navalny](#)'s personal chauvinism in 2014 (so, at least he doesn't believe [#Ukrainians](#) are any better than [#Georgians](#) - kinda an honor to me really, to be hated by [#navalny](#) nazi). Remember this.



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Navalny used the worst anti-Ukrainian slur „khokhly“ amid the Donbas war in 2014 and cared about how Russian army could kill Ukrainian soldiers without being exposed to world attention:

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