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Russian PM Medvedev Sees Approval Ratings Decline Amid Corruption Claims

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Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev **Maxim Stulov / Vedomosti**

Approval ratings for Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev fell by 10 percent last month amid allegations of corruption.

Just 42 percent of Russians approved of Medvedev in March, compared to 52 percent in February, a survey by independent pollster the Levada Center revealed on Wednesday.

The number of Russians who approve of the Russian cabinet also fell, from 49 percent in February to
43 percent last month. Russian President Vladimir Putin remained steady in the polls at 82 percent.

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Medvedev was accused of heading a multi-million dollar corruption scheme by Alexey

Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation on March 2. Navalny, who plans to run in Russia's 2018 presidential elections, alleged that the prime minister had channeled huge bribes from Russian businesses through non-profit organizations. The claims sparked protests throughout Russia on March 26, resulting in the arrest of more than 1,000 people across the country.

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