

Medvedev Claims Victory Over Navalny on Social Media and in 'Real Life'

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Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev declared victory over opposition leader Alexei Navalny on social media and 'real life' on Monday, following a social media post comparing the politicians' following on social media.

Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation (ACF) accused Medvedev this year of channeling bribes through non-profit organizations linked to close friends in a video investigation viewed on YouTube 24 million times.

The caption of an Instagram [post](#) shared by Navalny, which compares Medvedev's 2.8 million Instagram followers to Navalny's 236,000, reads "the ruling party is winning decisively in Instagram wars."

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“More so in real life,” Medvedev responded from his personal account, followed by a winking-eye emoji with a stuck-out tongue.

Navalny remarked in jest: “That’s how brave he is! A winner in life, who wins decisive victories!”

This appears to be the second time Medvedev has publicly responded to social media users this year.

In March, he [extended](#) greetings to another Instagram user who called Navalny a “political hitman” and criticized the opposition leader’s investigation because it was published on her birthday.

ACF [used](#) geotags on Medvedev’s Instagram account in its latest investigation, as well as in a 2016 report linking him to a luxurious summer home in Ivanovo region.

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