

First Russian Found Guilty of Encouraging Children to Protest

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The first Russian to be prosecuted under a new law that bans encouraging young people to attend unauthorized rallies was found guilty on Monday.

Under the law that President Vladimir Putin [signed](#) in December, adults face fines and up to 15 days in jail for involving minors in protests. The law was introduced after opposition leader Alexei Navalny drew thousands of mostly young anti-Kremlin demonstrators to the streets over the past year.

A district court in Kaliningrad found Ivan Luzin, a volunteer for Navalny's campaign, guilty and fined him 30,000 rubles (\$470), human rights lawyer Alexei Glukhov [wrote](#) on his Telegram channel Monday.

Luzin was [charged](#) with involving two adolescents in an anti-torture picket last month.

Recent research by Russian sociologists [suggests](#) that protesters have become younger,

poorer and more left-leaning in recent years.

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