

# Fewer Russians Remember Nemtsov's Murder 5 Years On – Poll

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Fewer Russians have heard of the murder of opposition politician Boris Nemtsov five years after his death, the independent Levada Center polling agency [said](#) Friday.

Nemtsov was gunned down on Feb. 27, 2015, on a bridge near the Kremlin's walls. A gunman and four accomplices were jailed for up to 20 years in 2017, but Nemtsov's allies have criticized the investigation for failing to identify those who had ordered the killing.

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The share of Russians who have never heard of Nemtsov's murder has increased from 17% in February 2019 to 27% in February 2020, according to Levada's results.

The share of those who say they know of Nemtsov's murder declined from 82% last year to

72% this year. Among them, 29% said they believe Nemtsov was killed "for criticizing the authorities" and another 29% said they "don't understand" the motive behind his killing.

One-quarter of the respondents who knew about the murder said they think Nemtsov "fell victim to criminal disputes," while 13% were unable to answer.

Nemtsov's allies are scheduled to hold a commemorative march in his memory in Moscow, St. Petersburg and other cities Saturday. Several foreign diplomats paid respects Thursday at the bridge where Nemtsov was shot and killed; the U.S. Embassy in Moscow [urged](#) Russia to find the murder's organizers; and Czech authorities [renamed](#) the square in Prague where Russia's embassy is located after Nemtsov.

The Kremlin [said](#) Thursday it does not plan to commemorate Nemtsov's memory.

Levada conducted the survey among 1,614 respondents in 50 Russian regions on Feb. 20-26.

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