

Yulia Navalnaya Turns Down Calls to Enter Politics in Rare Interview

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Harper's Bazaar interviewed Yulia Navalnaya via Zoom on Jan. 11, six days before her husband was arrested on their return from Germany. **Mikhail Tereshchenko / TASS**

Yulia Navalnaya does not yet plan to replace her jailed husband Alexei Navalny as Russia's main opposition politician, she [said](#) in an interview with the Harper's Bazaar fashion magazine.

Navalnaya's latest refusal to engage in politics comes amid calls from supporters for her to take up her husband's cause as he faces multiple criminal charges that block his path to elections and which he calls politically motivated.

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"It's much more interesting to be the wife of a politician. Also, what I'm doing in my place is politics to some extent," Navalnaya, who rarely speaks to the press, said in the Russian-language edition's March issue.

