



## Voting in Russia holds no surprises



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1. What are these cartoons saying about the presidential election in Russia over the weekend?
2. President Vladimir Putin's most prominent critic, Alexei Navalny, died in an Arctic prison last month. Can anyone successfully challenge Putin in Russia?
3. How many of Putin's opponents been killed or imprisoned since he first took office? Have some been killed in other countries?
4. Putin and his allies changed Russia's constitution to allow him to seek reelection until 2036. Will Putin be president until he dies?
5. Have centuries of autocratic rule conditioned many Russians to accept a leader like Putin?

### Between the lines

"The only thing I can say about the elections in my country is that I don't believe in their integrity. And I am very afraid they will be followed by increased repression."  
- Sonya Subobina, friend of one of the 20,000 Russians arrested for opposing Ukraine war.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2024/03/15/2024-russia-presidential-election-putin-reign/72940493007/>

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