

# Navalny Turns Dashed Presidential Hopes Into Meme-orable Moment

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**Alexei Navalny / Twitter**

The latest contender for meme of the year, this shot was taken as opposition leader Alexei Navalny and his team approached Russia's election office Dec. 25, where officials rejected his bid to run in the 2018 presidential elections.

Here he is after taking the red pill...

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