

Masha Gessen

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When you lose your freedom, you lose, first and foremost, the opportunity to choose the company you keep.

~Masha Gessen

When you're part of the opposition you want to stay. It's part of your identity. You're useless if you leave. You feel like you have failed.

~Masha Gessen

Putin needed an enemy, an Other, against which to mobilize. LGBT people are really convenient: we're sort of the ultimate foreign agent.

~Masha Gessen

As a gay parent I must flee Russia or lose my children

~Masha Gessen

It's not natural for people in the opposition to leave. It's always a personal catastrophe.

~Masha Gessen

One of the things that I really value about Russian culture is that on the private level it allows for a huge amount of variety and individuality with regards to family structure.

~Masha Gessen

A law is always that much more scary and that much more effective for a totalitarian state if it's selectively enforced.

~Masha Gessen

You risk everything if you so much as join a legal protest demonstration in Russia. It raises the stakes.

~Masha Gessen

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