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Klaus hoists European flag



The European Court of Human Rights isn't part of the European Union, but it's an inalienable part of Europe. Václav Klaus and his cohorts (Ladislav Jakl, Pavel Blažek) hoisted the European flag, so to speak, in a clever attempt yesterday to justify the most controversial part of Klaus's amnesty - the passage pardoning tunnelers, bank fraudsters and other good-for-nothings who have been under prosecution for crimes dating as far back as the 1990s, when Klaus was PM or finance minister. According to the European Court of Human Rights, they said, a legal prosecution is excessive if it has lasted longer than six years. Klaus told [MFD](#) that this seems too short to him, so he added two years. Even Klaus's biggest critics must now admit that this is a nearly bulletproof explanation for something that otherwise smells to high heaven. How can anyone, especially all those [truth-and-loveniks](#), possibly argue with Europe?

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