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## Opposing established truths

One of our readers noted that Václav Klaus's [op-ed article](#) in the Financial Times about the risk posed to freedom by "ambitious environmentalism" was the No. 3 most-read [comment & analysis](#) piece on FT.com in 2007. Klaus was nestled between James Carville and Michael Bloomberg, two heavy hitters. This nonscientific click-poll somewhat refutes Jan Švejnar's insinuation that Klaus, unlike him, isn't a world-class thinker. In a sense, Klaus is a sort of Central European version of Ron Paul, the U.S. presidential candidate with libertarian views who likes to shock by warning about the deterioration in our rights and freedoms. Both of them talk about the need to challenge the "established" truth. In another way, Klaus himself has been the "established" truth in the CR for 15 years. If he loses his reelection bid (30% chance, we'd say), it will be because the time to challenge *his* truth has arrived.

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