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## ODs on reform



One day after cigar-chomping [Zdeněk Bakala](#) announced a potential €1.4bn initial public offering for his New World Resources coal company, Jiří Paroubek unveiled a [ČSSD](#) campaign poster than pictures a Bakala look-alike. The poster makes fun of ODS by saying that the ruling party has fulfilled its promise of lowering taxes for the rich. According to ČSSD, normal people are "condemned to reform" under ODS. The resemblance to Bakala is surely a coincidence. Bakala made his initial fortune under ČSSD anyway, and the "rich" people Paroubek is talking about are earning something like Kč 60,000-80,000 per month, not per hour. Truly rich people like Bakala can rest assured that this election campaign won't be about them. Instead, it will be about adding a few crowns here, or subtracting a few crowns there, without addressing the issue of what real economic reform would look like.

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