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## None dare call it treason



At some point, corruption or abuse of power by politicians or other people of influence can become so significant that it amounts to betrayal of their nation or treason. It's a fair question to ask whether some of the key decisions being made by the Topolánek government fall into this category. When Green Chair Martin Bursík was asked by a protester on Czech TV yesterday who is paying him to take a radar position that goes against the wishes of 70% of Czechs, he said it's sad that she has to stoop to such an argument. This is the way the Communists denigrated dissidents, he said. His angry response failed to allay the fears of many people that the Czech government is not acting in the best interest of its people. In the U.S., Barack Obama's patriotism came under attack merely because he failed to wear a [flag pin](#) in the lapel of his jacket. It was nonsense and he knew it, but he started wearing one more often.