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Couch potatoes



There's a racially charged joke about what it takes to obtain a green card to live and work in America. "If you're rich, educated and white, forget it. If you're poor, unskilled and dark, come on over!" ČSSD is singing a variation of this in opposing ODS's green-card law. Emboldened by reports of tuberculosis among Mongolians at Foxconn, ČSSD is warning against third-world foreigners who spread disease and create ghettos. It's ironic that it's ČSSD, given that it was its former chair, Vladimír Špidla, who presciently predicted that foreigners would one day make up 10% of the population. ODS is merely continuing this social policy, under the guise of helping manufacturers. ČSSD would do better to point out that bringing in foreigners to do menial jobs will encourage even more Czechs to take advantage of welfare by becoming full-time couch potatoes, but that wouldn't play as well among its electorate.



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