

Klaus and Russia



Many a Klaus-watcher exclaimed "I told you so!" when PPF won a few court cases this week against oligarch Oleg Deripaska. Others explain Václav Klaus's seeming Russian bias in the Georgia conflict as a sign that he's a "pro-Russian agent," according to Alexandr Mitrofanov of *Právo*, although Mitrofanov added that Klaus's statements don't bear this out. Erik Tabery of [Respekt](#) wondered whether Klaus has undisclosed contacts to Russian politicians. Jan Urban wrote on [Aktualne](#) that Klaus was inexplicably against diversifying the CR's oil supplies away from Russia in the early-1990s (but now willingly takes credit for the IKL pipeline). How does Klaus rate his own performance with regard to Russia? "I'm not aware," he told [Ekonom](#), "that I've ever evaluated Russia in any way."

With regard to Georgia, he said he merely protested against the one-sided charge that Russia caused the conflict. Like Russia itself, his true relation to the Big Bear remains an enigma.

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