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Mansions on the hill

John McCain suffered a big blow in the U.S. election when he admitted he didn't know how many residences he owned. The correct answer was apparently eight, and his gaffe

showed how completely out of touch he was with the economic concerns of Americans. When MFD asked Marek Dalík how many homes he owns, he had a McCain moment by answering, "Probably about two." If a home is where you hang your hat, Dalík can apparently write off the Tuscany villa, because he won't be going there again. But he's not the only one in a housing pickle. The <u>ČEZ-Škoda-PPF gang</u> (Roman, Beneš, Krska, Korecký, Zapletal, Minx) might have to abandon its enclave in Velké Chuchle if the backlash against ODW (ostentatious displays of wealth) takes the expected trajectory. Perhaps sensing what was to come, Zdeněk Bakala hightailed

it to Switzerland, out of rock-throwing range of his angry OKD tenants. Pity all the misunderstood Czech billionaires, alone with their pride in their loveless mansions on the hill.



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