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Only ex-Communists should apply

Twenty years later, and ex-Communists are everywhere: Jan Fischer as prime minister, Jan Kohout as foreign minister, Eduard Janota as finance minister, Štefan Füle as EU-commissioner candidate, Pavel Rychetský as Constitutional Court chief justice, etc. One of the biggest complaints of today's "dissidents" is that the CR hasn't cultivated a new political and civil-service elite. Of course, this is only partly true. The talent is there, but it isn't being put to its full use. In the West, there's an established process from K-1 to the grave for making sure people toe the line. It produces conformists who do what is expected of them, without asking many questions. This system hasn't been perfected yet in post-revolutionary Central Europe, so it's much safer to tap into the pool of trained talent from the past than to risk running up against a loose cannon. A pre-vetted ex-Communist is a known, trusted element.

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