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## Team Czech

The countries that won the <u>most medals</u> at the Winter Olympics are also among those that are the most competitive economically. The Czechs finished 13th in Vancouver, with six medals, and every team that won more medals - with the notable exception of Russia - also did better on the <u>2009-2010 Global Competitiveness Index</u>. The CR was No. 31 on that list, two notches below China. In its <u>Vision 2020</u> document, ODS said that it wants the CR to become one of the world's 20 most-competitive economies over the next decade. In winter sports, the CR has already achieved this. Czechs excel mainly at individual disciplines, though, and a few highly talented people are doing well despite a wasteful sports program that favors bureaucrats and fat cats more than athletes. Improving competitiveness, whether in sports or in business, will mean concentrating on removing all the obstacles to team success.

