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Topolánek's reverse racism

Of all the stereotypes that have been hurled at Jews over the years, blinking under pressure isn't one that normally comes to mind. In fact, it's hard to think of a single good Jewish joke that relies on such a stereotype for the punch line. Yet PM Jan Fischer took great offense when Mirek Topolánek suggested that there is a link between Fischer's caving in under pressure and his religion. Topolánek has now gone on the counteroffensive. All he actually wanted to say, he told Právo, is that Fischer is a bad, weak prime minister. According to Topolánek, Fischer abused the situation in the media to label him anti-Semitic and homophobic (because of a related comment about Transport Minister Gustav Slamečka). If Topolánek is a racist, it's a sort of reverse racism: He said that Fischer doesn't fit the positive stereotypes sometimes associated with Jews. In other words, a Jew should normally make a better PM.

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