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Hate language and grand coalitions



Open Thilo Sarrazin's book "Germany Abolishes Itself," and on numerous pages you'll find passages that could land him in prison if he ever visited the CR. Take Page 150, for example, where he claims that Arabs in Germany have the broad tendency to procreate in order to qualify for more social transfers and adds that shut-in Arab women often have nothing better to do than to make welfare babies. A capricious Czech court could easily declare this to be hate language and toss Sarrazin in the slammer, just as a court did yesterday to six radical Czechs for making similar comments about immigrants. Or as a court did to Miroslav Sládek in 1998 for anti-German remarks (so that Václav Havel could get reelected). Czech courts are stuck in a totalitarian mind-set when it comes to freedom of speech. How long before criticizing a grand coalition comes to be seen as "inciting hatred against a group of people"?



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