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Goggle-eyed and open-jawed



As crazy as it often looks, Czech politics is actually pretty predictable. Klaus can almost always be counted on to react only after reading the pulse of the nation - and without needing a Paroubek-like poll to process the data. Havel is predictable in his willingness to let public opinion be damned, whether while preaching energy conservation and hauling himself around in a Mercedes SUV, or while supporting "humanitarian" bombings. We've all become accustomed to Nečas pounding his fist on the table when he doesn't get his way - and then recoiling when the (political) pain starts spreading up his arm. No one is surprised when Kalousek attributes his own faults to others in something psychiatrists call "projection" and normal people call a thief yelling "thief." Come to think of it, almost the only element in Czech politics that really bowls us over and makes us exclaim WTF is the Constitutional Court.

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