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VV remains in control of a few ministries for now, but the opinion polls indicate that it's well on its way to extinction as a parliamentary party. When we wrote nearly two years ago that VV and TOP 09 might have been founded with the objective of discrediting small political parties forever, one of VV's candidates objected, saying that no one launches a party just to destroy it. That's perhaps half-true. Vít Bárta, Radek John and the pin-up blondes of VV surely didn't devote their time and efforts to building the party just to see it disappear before their very eyes. But what about the ODS Prague politicians who were behind VV? In Bárta, they hardly could have chosen a better recipe for disaster. Even Bárta now admits (on Impuls) that the "conspiracy" was organized long ago and involves a "super godfather." Unfair as it may seem, with the death of VV, the hopes of numerous other small parties die as well.

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