

Of nitwits and forecasting geniuses

The quality of Jan Kraus's Fri. talk show has taken a dive since he switched to TV Prima, partly because politicians are avoiding it like the plague. Or should we say like E.coli? If Kraus were able to book a politician or two, he could have tons of fun with some of their recent comments. Such as Karel Schwarzenberg's observation that the coalition leaders are a bunch of nitwits. What exactly are the criteria for being classified as such? Would Agriculture Minister Ivan Fuksa make the cut for claiming that although no one knows where the E.coli bacteria comes from, "it might be from meat"? And is Petr Nečas a nitwit or a forecasting genius for foreseeing a 30% rise in electricity rates 10 years from now? MEP Jiří Havel of ČSSD said on [Czech Radio](#) that Nečas hit the bull's-eye with his prediction, which sounded like unheard-of praise from an opposition politician. Unless the listener happened to know that Havel was supervisory board chair of a completely disinterested little firm called ČEZ. Havel is no nitwit for keeping this hush-hush.