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Drowned out by the unions



By stressing that yesterday's strike was the biggest since Nov. 1989, the unions and their supporters hope to evoke a subconscious comparison of the behavior of the Communist regime and the capitalist practices of Petr Nečas and Miroslav Kalousek.

Despite the many obvious differences, late-phase capitalism does indeed take up where Communism left off in one key respect. Communism destroyed value systems and turned those who opposed the new morality into silent collaborators or dissidents. Instead of reversing this, the capitalism and democracy practiced at the turn of the 20th century have accelerated this moral deterioration and further marginalized those who oppose it. Many people from all walks of life and political persuasions are not happy about this, but only the unions and the radicals are willing or have the platform to speak up. Because of this, the voice of reason often goes unheard.

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