

Tell it as it is, Prince Karel

We'll say the same thing about presidential candidate Karel Schwarzenberg that we wrote four years ago about [Jan Švejnar](#). Schwarzenberg will get our theoretical vote if he declares that he has no chance of winning but will run on a platform of telling Czechs the way it is. Imagine what an impression he could make as a moral authority if he put aside all the political double-talk and stressed the need to get this great country in shape by cutting the waste, the corruption and the crap. It wouldn't win him many votes from the very lawmakers he would be indirectly criticizing, but it would jolt some voters out of their state of apathy. However, we're afraid

Schwarzenberg no more has this in him than Švejnar did. Švejnar, as candidate, quickly showed himself to be a great waffler, trying to say the right thing to all his various constituencies, including the Communists. To do it right, Schwarzenberg would have to say things that lost him not only the Communist vote, but also that of his protector, Miroslav Kalousek.



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