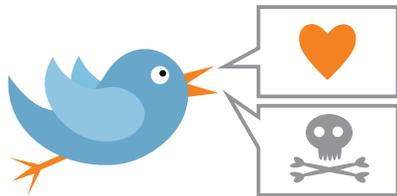


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## It doesn't pay to cheat on your wife

One of the first things a sly lawyer or tax adviser asks a businessman who wants a new tax structure is whether he trusts his wife. If there's trust in the marital relationship, it opens up more doors for "diverting" money away from the tax authorities. Alas, ex-Industry Minister Martin Kocourek didn't trust his wife and decided to cheat on her, financially speaking. When she learned of his nest egg in New Mexico, she got all huffy and turned to the police. Now he risks going to prison for this little dalliance. In comparison, Kocourek's political party, ODS, is the epitome of calm. Its leadership said yesterday that the charges against him are a personal matter, not political, so he can stay in ODS. Of course we all know the real source of the money was Kocourek's political activity. If ODS is so calm, it must mean that Kocourek was truer to it - and gave it its fair share - than he was to his own wife. What a chauvinist!



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