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Švejnár and the lost cause

It's hard to blame [Jan Švejnár](#) for deciding not to devote a good chunk of his life to trying to dislodge Miloš Zeman as Václav Klaus's heir apparent and moral successor. Švejnár was rather diplomatic in recounting his reasons to MFD, but the message was clear: The system is rigged against candidates who aren't willing to give quid pro quos for securing campaign financing. It's true. The country's wealthy individuals often speak about fighting corruption and securing a better future for their children and grandchildren but then always go where the money is. Advertisers preach corporate responsibility but support media outlets that are leading the country in the wrong direction. Very often, those complaining the loudest about the country's problems are among those contributing to them the most. Švejnár can't win this battle alone. It's very bad news if he considers it a mission impossible.

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