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Don't blame it on Beneš

Jan Tuček of STEM/Mark polling agency poured cold water last night on the idea that Karel Schwarzenberg might have won the election if not for his handling of the Beneš Decrees. Speaking at [Charles University](#), Tuček said that [KJS](#) would have lost anyway, based on a comparison of the handicaps of the two candidates. It was a lost cause from the start, he said. The way the media continue to refer to the results also gives the false impression that it was a close race. Miloš Zeman didn't win by 9.61%;

he won by 9.61 *percentage points*, which is actually a difference in votes of 21.25% (2.24m for KJS, 2.71m for Zeman). For Schwarzenberg to have won by a single vote, a full 8.8% of Zeman's voters would have had to change their mind and cast their ballot for the other candidate. To add some perspective, Barack Obama was reelected last Nov. with just 51.06% of the popular vote, which was considered a solid victory.

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