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Klaus, shale gas and Temelín



Václav Klaus said in an [interview](#) last week in Russia that the the radical breakthrough in oil and gas exploration is something that interests him. It could fundamentally change the balance of power in the world and bring about a collapse of the oil and gas markets, he said. It's hard to argue with him here. What is curious, though, is how he continued the interview. This situation, he said, could lead to Europe's dependence on Russian gas supplies in the coming years. What? One reason shale gas is such a breakthrough is precisely because it is *reducing* the continent's dependence on Russia. Gazprom is widely viewed as one of the biggest victims of this revolution. Instead of acting like the CR's version of Gerhard Schröder in defending Gazprom, Klaus should embrace the shale revolution: The less the CR is reliant on Gazprom, the easier it will be to justify giving the Temelín deal to the Russians.

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