

The People vs. Martin Roman

[Martin Bursík](#) of LES told HN that if Martin Roman of ČEZ ends up behind bars, it will be proof to him that Czech democracy works. This came a week after Ekonom declared on its cover that Roman is "[condemned to elimination](#)." Ekonom hedged its bet by saying it's also possible that Roman and his people will remain in control of ČEZ for a few more years. This seems more likely. Who, after all, would dump Roman? Jan "Photovoltaic" Fischer, who has never stood in ČEZ's way as PM or finance minister? Ex-Finance Minister (and PM hopeful) Bohuslav Sobotka, who oversaw Roman's appointment to ČEZ in 2004 and is tied to him umbilically through lawyer Radek Pokorný? ČEZ would have to become a major election topic.

In this respect, Bursík isn't alone. Chair [Ondřej Liška](#) of the Greens has spoken critically of Roman as the "president of the ČEZ Republic." [Andrej Babiš](#) of ANO blames mainly ČEZ for the solar fraud and Roman for the situation at Czech Railways too. Perhaps the protest parties have found a common enemy.

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