


## Regime change in the ČEZ Republic

When someone talks about regime change, it's usually a U.S. official, and it's most often in the context of such past or current rogue states as Iraq, Iran, Libya or Syria. The connotation was therefore extremely negative when Václav Klaus used the expression recently with regard to the Czech Republic. The gist of his message both in a remark on his [website](#) and two weeks later on [Czech TV](#) was that the CR has undergone a fundamental change in the past 3-4 years. The post-Velvet Revolution era of a market economy and pluralistic parliamentary democracy has ended, he said. The political system is broken, he explained, and corruption has falsely been introduced as a pivotal problem of our time. In this context, it's worth looking back and examining what happened 3-4 years ago in terms of this false battle against corruption. Four years ago, in late Nov. 2009, the EU antitrust agency raided the offices of ČEZ, and Klaus spoke out harshly against it. If the regime has changed since that time, the ČEZ Republic was among those most affected.

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