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The Kellner and Bakala republics



Ukraine is almost like two countries, not just because it has two languages, but also because some oligarchs side with Russia and some pine for Europe. A similar division is taking shape in the CR. Petr Kellner of PPF is increasingly seen as the leader of the do-anything regime that Václav Klaus is [mourning](#), while Bakala is the custodian of Havellian values. [Ivan Hoffman](#) joked on ČRo2 in a different context that if we have two police presidents, Martin Červíček and Petr Lessy, why not also have two heads of state, Miloš Zeman and Karel Schwarzenberg? It would help reconcile the two camps, he said. And why not also have two heads of Czech TV, we might add? Just as before the split of the country half the news was in Czech and half was in Slovak, ČT could provide half Kellner-censored news under Petr Dvořák and half Bakala-inspired news under, say, Kamil Čermák. The other option is Ukraine-like revolution.

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