
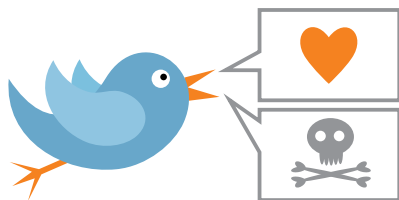


## Reevaluating the Fischer government

The Rusnok cabinet is leaving office with a [24% approval rating](#), after peaking at 28% in Sept. When Petr Nečas resigned last summer and Miloš Zeman was waving around low approval ratings to justify installing his own personal cabinet, Nečas's team was at 18%. In the end, there was only a six-point difference between Nečas and Rusnok. Compare this to the interim government of Jan Fischer from mid-2009 to mid-2010. It reached a [peak of 73%](#) and left office with a 64% approval rating. Yet it was led by the same Jan Fischer who is now implicated in bad-debt machinations at the finance ministry. The same Jan Fischer who miraculously repaid his presidential campaign debt. Just as the success of the Fischer government was an important factor in making the Rusnok government possible, the failure of the Rusnok team should now be reason to retroactively evaluate whether Fischer truly was such a success as PM.

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